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CANCER SCARE — BUT BOYLE CAME BACK

The man who came back — that is the so far unrevealed story of West Adelaide's ace midfielder, Peter Boyle.

Very few people know that Peter Boyle was told in April of last year that he had cancer and would never play soccer again.

West Adelaide president, Dr Arthur Zaikos, knows the story because it was he who first informed me that he suspected that Peter Boyle had cancer of the lymphatic system and we should look for a replacement.

This was in Adelaide in early April. I was coach of West Adelaide and Peter had just arrived from Scotland to join us.

He had a huge swelling on the side of his neck. Following an examination, Dr Zaikos was almost sure it was lymphatic cancer.

Peter was sent to hospital where he stayed for a week.

They drilled a hole in his spine, cut out the growth in his neck for further examination, then injected his body with dye and x-rayed every part of it.

At the end of the week, the surgeon who had conducted this extensive analysis, told Peter glumly that, yes — it was lymphatic cancer, he would not be able to do active physical exercise again.

I know this because I, along with Peter's wife, were the only people there when the surgeon pronounced his verdict.

To-date, I have not revealed the story out of respect for the privacy of Peter and his wife, even though they had never asked me not to reveal it.

However, in the light of his remarkable form this year, I believe his amazing story should now be told.

When the surgeon gave his verdict of doom, Peter's wife broke down and cried.

Peter swallowed hard, but kept a strong grip on himself and I admired him for his courage at that moment.

After being released from hospital, Peter did not train for a while but then, he informed me that he felt well enough and that he would like to train.

So he began training while taking numerous tablets for his condition. It was quickly obvious that he had a ton of skill,

especially dribbling, and was a good finisher but it took him a long time to build up strength and stamina.

Yet, by mid-June, he was able to play his first full game in the first team.

It was at Hindmarsh against South Melbourne Hellas, for whom guest player Malcolm MacDonald was also playing his first game.

We drew 1-1, with MacDonald scoring from the spot for South Melbourne and Peter getting our goal.

MIKE JOHNSON

The Peter Boyle success story had begun.

Such are the ironies of soccer that the same game marked the end of the Mike Johnson-West Adelaide connection.

After losing only twice in all friendly and competition matches from January to June — each by one goal — there was a parting of the ways and I

returned to Sydney.

Peter still has a track suit top which I loaned him and periodically I get messages, the latest a few weeks ago from Jim Adam, that Peter will return it soon.

The track suit is in the colors of the Australian team, which could be a good omen for Peter.

His brilliant form this year has not gone unnoticed.

Rudi Gutendorf cannot fail to admire his marvellous close skills and tremendous com-

petitiveness.

Boyle's enthusiasm, energy and great love for the game are contagious.

They have epitomised the best qualities of West Adelaide this season.

Peter plays as though every game was his last.

No doubt, he still remembers those April words of doom which told him he had played his last.

His success story is truly remarkable, as is that of the club he has represented so well this year.



West Adelaide's Peter Boyle, tackled by Arthur McMillan of Fitzroy Alexander.

ROONEY HEADS FOR VICTORIA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Jimmy Rooney will quit Marconi and return to Melbourne in December.

He will probably join Fitzroy Alexander or South Melbourne Hellas.

Rooney's wife and child have been living in Melbourne for some time, while he has been travelling to and from Sydney to see them. His wife's mother also lives in Melbourne.

"We've always wanted to go back to Melbourne and it's now 99 per cent certain that I'll make the move at the end of the season," Rooney said on Monday.

Rooney's contract with Marconi has one more year to run, but he is confident that the club will release him.

Marconi paid a \$4500 transfer fee when it bought him from APIA at the start of last season. He is captain of Marconi.

Capped almost 50 times for Australia, Rooney says he is still feeling as fit as ever and hopes to be included in the

national squad of new coach Rudi Gutendorf.

"Who knows, I might even be there when we play in the next World Cup," he said.

Rooney arrived from Scotland in 1968 and spent two seasons with Victorian State League club Lions, with whom he won the 1969 Victorian Argus Medal.

He then had two seasons in Sydney with Prague, and five seasons with APIA before joining Marconi.

"I've enjoyed my two years with Marconi. It's a great club," Rooney said.

Asked to pinpoint the reason for Marconi's many failures in the second half of the seasons, Rooney said:

"It probably started when Gary Byrne left to try his luck in West Germany. That left a hole in the team.

"Also, everyone wanted to beat us when we were on top, and so, pressure was on us in every game.

"Also, other teams woke up to our best players. To combat Peter Sharpe, for example, the other teams usually kept two men well back.

"When Fitzroy Alexander gave us our first defeat, we went into a shell.

"However, he should have beaten West

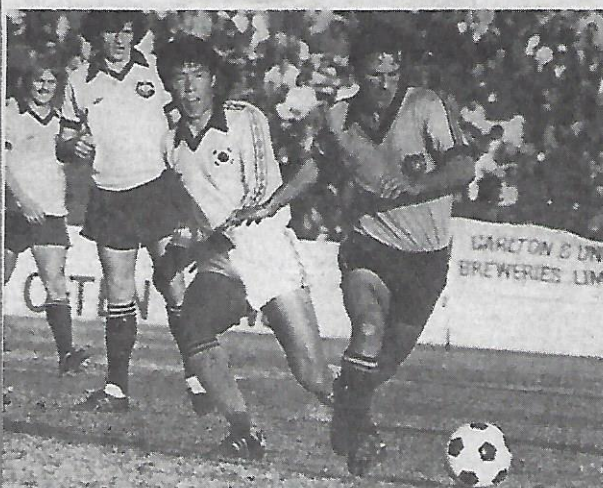
Adelaide, Hakoah and South Melbourne. It was only Jack Reilly who saved South Melbourne.

Martyn Crook also had a blinder against us. We were making goalkeepers all over the place. They were getting six votes out of five."

Rooney came to Australia together with John Gardiner and Jimmy Smart who both represented Victoria and played for George Cross.

At one stage, Rooney was close to joining them at George Cross, but changed his mind.

"I'm looking forward to coming back," Rooney said. "Melbourne's always been home to me."



Jimmy Rooney breaks away from Cha Bum Keun during Australia's World Cup game against South Korea last year. Atila Abonyi and Peter Ollerton are in the background.

And now a new rule, just for Adelaide

Two grand finals will be played if West Adelaide Hellas beats Marconi in their semi-final at Marconi Oval on Sunday.

PSL manager John Frank said this would be done to please supporters in both cities.

However, if Marconi beats West Adelaide to earn the right to meet Hakoah in the final, there will be only one match — probably on a neutral ground in Sydney.

Thus the PSL has come up with yet another quaint innovation which must be

unique in the world — two rules for the same competition.

Surely, if a "second chance" is fair for one set of finalists, it is also fair for another set. There's nothing wrong with a two-legged final, but such a rule must be of equal advantage to all competitors.

And if it is introduced for the PSL grand final, it

must surely be used also for the Philips Cup final.

West Adelaide Hellas will be strengthened for its match with Marconi by the return of David Pillans, Neil McGachey and Ian McGregor, who were both absent as Hellas lost 2-3 to Hakoah during extra time in Adelaide last Sunday.

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Pillans and McGreor

were out due to injury and McGachey served a one-week suspension.

Graeme Norris will miss the Marconi match because he was sent off against Hakoah.

Marconi will be unchanged unless Mark Jankovic recovers from the injury that kept him out of the 3-2 victory over South Melbourne Hellas

in the Melbourne semi-final.

Likely teams:
MARCONI: Allan Maher — Barry Jones, Ivo Prskalo, John Russell, Paul Degney — Stuart Selvaire or Mark Jankovic, Roberto Vieri, Jimmy Rooney — Bertie Mariani, Peter Ollerton, Peter Sharpe.

WEST ADELAIDE — Martyn Crook — Barry Reynolds, David Jones, Con Kampas, Peter Tymczyszyn — Vic Bozanic, Neil McGachey, Peter Boyle — Graham Honeyman, Dave Pillans, Ian McGregor.

—LAURIE SCHWAB.

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DEPLETED WESTS DEBATS AFTER VALIANT FIGHT

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Can a side play without three of its key players, lose a fourth during the game, play a crucial period with 10 men and beat a powerful, skilled team?

The answer is "almost".

That's what happened at Hindmarsh Stadium as Hakoah beat West Adelaide-Hellas 3-2 after extra time in an absorbing but heated affair.

Neil McGachey (suspended), Dave Pillans and Ian McGregor (both injured) dropped out of the side while Graham Norris was sent off during extra time.

But despite these handicaps West Adelaide charged to a two-goal lead in the first 14 minutes.

Nippy striker George Koulianos opened the scoring with a screaming 25 metre shot which Todd Clarke didn't see and two minutes later Barry Reynolds appeared the ball home from the tightest of angles.

Hakoah recovered to reduce the deficit six minutes later when Ian Souness scored from close range.

And when Murray Barnes equalised in the 53rd minute with a great header, it looked as if Hakoah would coast home.

But it didn't happen that way.

Injured by Australia's best goalkeeper, Martin Crook, and resilient defender, Con Kampas, West Adelaide defended with great determination and courage.

And with the end of normal time approaching, Vic Bozanic and Graham Honeyman produced two superb efforts which almost produced the winner.

First Bozanic hit a pilderiver

which Clarke couldn't hold and on the rebound Bozanic belted it wide.

With three minutes left Honeyman swept past four defenders and struck a ferocious shot which went inches wide of target.

The extra time period looked like pelering out into a stalemate but Hakoah's hopes were raised when Norris, who ran and tackled hard all day, was sent off for a tackle on Silva.

But again West Adelaide lifted, and Honeyman saw a powerful header brilliantly stopped by Clarke.

However, they were to finally concede the important goal in the 117th minute when Campbell scored from a scrimmage.

It was a deserving goal but against a depleted team who finished the game without a recognised striker, it certainly cast major doubts on Hakoah's attempts to win the competition and the Philips Cup.

West Adelaide travels to Sydney to clash with Rale Rasic's Marconi in what will be like a Cup final.

West Adelaide will be strengthened with the return of McGachey, Pillans and McGregor, but Norris will be missing.

Hellas face an enormous task but the knowledge that victory will earn them a second chance against Hakoah could lift them to a match-winning effort.

PSL semi final — WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Koulianos, Reynolds), HAKOAH-EASTS 3 (Souness, Barnes, Campbell) at Hindmarsh, crowd about 4800.

Players ratings:

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9, Reynolds 7, Bozanic 7, Tymczyszyn 6, Jones 7, Kampas 9, Honeyman 7, Norris 8, Zervas 6 (Pantelis 5), Koulianos 6 (Anderson).

HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Thompson 7, O'Connor 7, Mowbray 7 (Campbell), Stevenson 7, Watson 8, Barnes 9 (Trenter), Smith 7, Silva 7.

A double to Cumberland

Rothmans League champions Cumberland swept aside Campbelltown 3-0 to grab the South Australian Federation Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium last Saturday.

Cumberland were never in danger of failing to complete the double and despite a few anxious moments always had the measure of the second division champions. Campbelltown had high hopes of shocking Cumberland and the wet, slippery conditions looked tailor-made for an upset.

But within four minutes Cumberland charged to a 1-0 lead with a penalty kick from Brian Welch after a defender had

handled the ball.

Campbelltown, playing in their third successive Cup final, battled hard to punch the vital hole in Cumberland's defence but their strikers did not have a chance to trouble keeper Martin Sherman.

However David Chadwick came perilously close with a lethal ground shot.

Cumberland took charge of the second half with a 59th minute goal from Tim Doherty who cracked a powerful shot from outside the penalty area.

Cumberland wrapped up the match in the 69th minute when David Mahony headed David Leane's cross from point blank range.

Cumberland tightened their grip in the last 20 minutes and came close to adding a fourth.

Meanwhile, Campbelltown refused to give up and battled in vain till the end.

And so Cumberland won the cup by three goals as I predicted last month after both sides had qualified for the final.

Campbelltown were certainly handicapped with injuries to key players, but I doubt whether they would have had a bearing on the result.

Cumberland now have their sights set on the Coca Cola Cup which will be contested by the top four sides.

They play Croatia on Saturday and the following week Azzurri play Polonia. The winners meet in the final.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS



• Allan Maher saves one-handed

Roberto Vieri must love playing at Middle Park. No wonder, for this is the best soccer surface in Australia and Vieri is the most skilful ball player we have.

When Marconi beat Hellas 3-0 in their first league clash early this year, Vieri earned a 10-point rating with an uncanny exhibition of soccer skills and leadership.

And in the preliminary final against Hellas the majestic Italian midfielder was again a star attraction.

Vieri, who played with so many of Italy's top First Division clubs, is without doubt one of the very best midfielders to play in Australia — if not the best.

None were better than he — not even greats like Mladenovic, Blanco, Janczyk, Warren, Micic, Mackay, Tamandl.

Vieri was in everything in the preliminary final. Every ball that came out of defence went to Vieri. Every forward pass that created a scoring chance came from Vieri.

He must have touched the ball hundreds of times — no wonder he looked tired at the end. Let's not forget that he's well over 30 and his best days are behind him. Imagine what he was like when he was younger!

It was Hellas' failure to mark Vieri that contributed heavily to the home team's narrow defeat.

And it was the brilliance of sweeper Ivo Prskalo that denied the Hellas forwards so often.

Let's have a look at the performances of the other players in this match. First, Marconi:

PSL seeks secretary

The Philips League is to advertise for a league secretary who will control the day-to-day running of the league.

PSL manager John Frank will be responsible for promotion and marketing.

League chairman Sam Pappas said the new secretary would be a man with experience in soccer administration.

Philips Cup quarter-final.

NEWCASTLE 1 (Tredennick) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at International Sports Centre, crowd 8417.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: P. Dando 8, P. Willis 7, C. Curran 7, W. Summerscales 7, R. Drinkwater 8, C. Mason 7, J. Sneddon 7, M. Galpin 8, N. Endacott 7, K. Boden 7, P. Tredennick 7, L. Hargreaves 7 replaced N. Endacott in the 25th minute.

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The goal came in the 86th minute when Ken Boden put Mike Galpin through on the right with a great flick, and Galpin's cross found Tredennick who managed to squeeze the ball inside the post.

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Prskalo and Vieri shine, and a goal by Ollerton

By LAURIE SCHWAB

PSL preliminary final:

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Cummings 41st., Evans 55th) MARCONI 3 (Jones 1st., Sharne 8th., Ollerton 44th) at Middle Park, crowd about 6200.

Teams, with player ratings:

HELLAS: Reilly 8; Kalafatis 7; Baxter 5; Munro 7; Hagegmanouli (Kent 7, 18th min); Lutton 7; Christopoulos 7; Wright 7; Rogers 8; Cummings 8; Evans 8.

MARCONI: Maher 8; Jones 7; Russell 7; Prskalo 9; Degney 7; Solvage 6; Vieri 9; Rooney 7; Mariani 7; Ollerton 7; Sharne 8.

ALLAN MAHER: Had no chance to stop Hellas two goals a nicely-placed close-range goal shot by Duncan Cummings just inside the post, and a well-placed header by Alan Evans from a free kick by Frank Munro. It was in the second half that Maher excelled, saving the game for Marconi by making spectacular saves from Sammy Wright, George Christopoulos, and Alan Evans.

BARRY JONES: A good game from the right back who missed much of the season after breaking an arm. Was well-placed at the far post to score Marconi's first goal in the first minute of play, after a square ball from Paul Degney which was missed in the middle by Bertie Mariani and the Hellas defenders. From then on Jones defended quite well against the midfielders coming through from deep positions, and also contributed to the attack.

JOHN RUSSELL: Had a fiery battle with Alan Evans, and lost it narrowly. Evans hit Russell with everything he had in the first half and kept getting better after the interval, often putting Russell into difficulties. However, Russell continued to fight hard and it was his constant commitment that thwarted many attacks by other Hellas players.

IVO PRSKALO: The finest sweeper in the league, Prskalo did an excellent job of covering and of clearing balls that got past the defenders in front of him.

PAUL DEGNEY: The tall, galloping left back who's more like a winger, set up the first goal with the help of a through pass from Vieri and continued causing problems with his overlapping run, although he sometimes held the ball too long when he reached the front line.

STUART SELVAGE: In the team to replace injured Mark Jankovic, he played a serviceable match, hanging back mostly without having as much impact on the game as some of the other players.

JIMMY ROONEY: Played a good tactical game in a more defensive role than he likes playing. Won the ball quite well, as did Selvage, did the right thing when he had the ball and showed flashes of his guile without being as prominent as usual.

PETER SHARNE: With a little more luck, he would have finished the match with a hat-trick. Scored Marconi's second on a quick pass from Ollerton, and a few minutes later he was through the defence

past Stuart Baxter, but while trying to go around Jack Reilly, the goalkeeper got a hand to the ball and managed to get it in. Marconi played cautiously in the second half, resulting in little support for the strikers. However, Sharne took the lead when he was cleared off the line by Frank Munro dropping back. Sharne had more opposition when Kent came on in the 18th minute to replace Margaritis Hagegmanouli who had not trained all week due to illness.

PETER OLLERTON: Had an excellent first half, fighting for the ball on the ground, winning it all and laying it off very well — the way he did for Sharne's goal. A minute from half time, Ollerton ran onto a sweeping free kick from Vieri and hooked the ball into the net for Marconi's third goal — the one that proved to be the winner.

BERTIE MARIANI: Fought as hard as anyone on the field, doing a lot of solid but unnoticed work in dropping back from the attack to forage for the ball in midfield and even to help the defence way back in the last line.

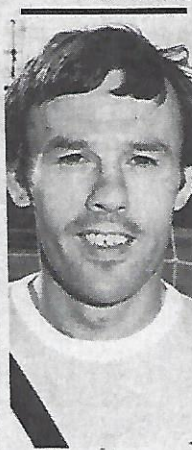
Here's how the Hellas players fared:

JACK REILLY: Like Maher, he couldn't be blamed for the goals scored against him. Had it not been for Reilly, Sharne would have got at least one more goal and Ollerton would have scored his second. Ollerton's chance came five minutes after half time, when he inter-passed with Rooney in midfield before racing through, leaving the defence way behind. He took his time, picked his spot but Reilly stretched and got a hand to it to turn it for a corner.

CHRIS KALAFATIDIS: At right back, in place of injured Mike Pys, Kalafatis played without a direct opponent, so he had lots of space to bring the ball forward, and did so very well.

STUART BAXTER: Was beaten badly early, committed himself too early too often and generally had a poor game.

FRANK MUNRO: It was partly because Munro did not act as sweeper behind Baxter that Sharne was able to go through for the second goal. In fact, Hellas was in all kinds of trouble for the first 15 minutes during which Munro and Baxter played square. Later, Munro did play the sweeper's role and pushed his team up well during the second half. His expertly-taken free kicks caused many headaches for Marconi. From one



Jimmy Rooney

BODEN AND EATON

By JOE LANZONI

Newcastle KB United played themselves into the semi final of the Philips Cup when they defeated Western Suburbs 1-0 last Sunday at the International Sports Centre.

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Hellas' brilliant forward Chris Kent made a comeback after injury — at left back. Here he is flying in front of Peter Sharpe. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

of them, Evans scored Hellas' second goal. Another excellent ball from Munro, aimed in from Bertie Lutton on the run, almost resulted in a goal.

CHRIS KENT: The brilliant winger, cut for most of the season due to injury, made his return at left back, replacing Margarita Hagepanoulli in the 18th minute. Kent had his hands full with Peter Sharpe but played well against the speedy winger.

BERTIE LUTTON: Worked hard and got into position for some good shots that went narrowly over the bar, but with Hellas playing mainly long balls forward, Lutton was rarely able to show his damaging ball-play, which may have caused Marconi greater problems.

SAMMY WRIGHT: Saved what could have been a goal when he robbed Peter Orlerton from behind, as Orlerton steered for a shot inside the penalty area. Tossed away relentlessly in the midfield, and broke away a few times on the left wing in the second half to deliver some damaging crosses.

BILLY ROGERS: The most prominent of the Hellas midfielders because he fought like a tiger and won the ball often. Unfortunately he rarely managed to get into position for a crack at goal, or a header. Nevertheless, it was an admirable performance.

GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS: His first game back after the Australian schoolboys' American tour. Perhaps not as prominent as the other midfielders but did a lot of unobtrusive work that was valuable to the team. Unlucky to have a powerful drive stopped by Maher, after Cummings had laid the ball in his path.

DUNCAN CUMMINGS: Scored the goal that put Hellas back into the game in the 44th minute, sliding the ball accurately past Maher after a long job from Christopoulos. Always alert to the slightest chance, he almost scored again in the 56th minute when he ran onto a pass from Rogers, swivelled past Russell and hooked the ball back from the near post, only to see it go narrowly across the face of goal. A few minutes earlier, he had robbed Vieri of the ball in midfield and passed square to Evans whose shot was stopped by Maher.

ALUN EVANS: As stated earlier, had a running battle with John Russell in the first half but found a lot more space in the second half, when Hellas was pushing everyone into attack to support the front runners. His headed goal from Munro's free kick was a gem and he continued to threaten more times than we could count.

Marconi won the game because it scored two early goals in the first half minutes — both due to bad defensive mistakes by Hellas. During the first half hour, Marconi's excellent ball-play and backing-up made Hellas look foolish but the game turned around as the Hellas midfielders and strikers became more determined.

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It was Newcastle's turn four minutes later when Neil Endacott broke away but was illegally brought down by Peter Wilson on the edge of the penalty area for a fruitless free kick.

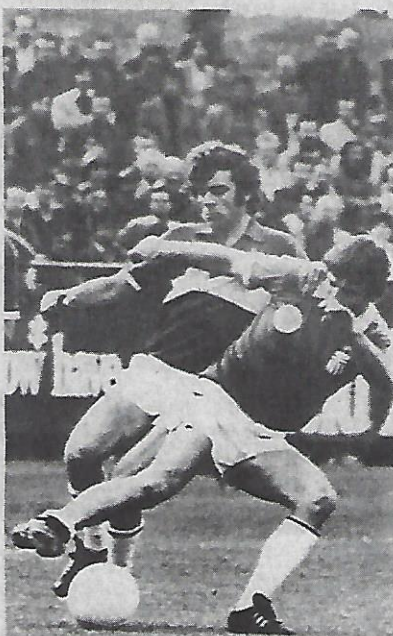
Endacott, who started the game suffering from stomach cramps, had to be replaced by Lloyd Hardes in the 25th minute when he was unable to continue.

Hardes was making his first appearance after having an operation on his knee.

In the 54th minute Ken Boden managed to slip his shackles but this time it was the experience of Terry Eaton that saved the situation.

Western Suburbs however started to put their game together and in this period it was Phil Bando who came to the rescue, in the 69th minute from a shot by Turnbull, and in the 78th from a shot by John Vernon.

But Western Suburbs' best chance of the game came in the 33rd minute when Harding made a great break from midfield to set up Clive Eaton on the left but his shot was magnificently saved by Dando. Then came the Newcastle's goal that put paid to any chance



Alun Evans has the better of Roberto Vieri in this encounter.

When Cummings made it 2-1, Hellas looked to be back in it but Orlerton's goal a minute from half time re-established a commanding lead for Marconi.

Orlerton would have put Marconi further ahead five minutes after half time had it not been for Kelly, and that left-off spurred the Hellas players to greater heights.

Evans scored to make it 3-2 and Hellas bombarded the goal, only to find Maher in international form. Drained by all their unsuccessful effort, the Hellas players faded again near the end of the game, when Marconi hit back hard, forcing

ing Kelly into action to leave the scoreline at 3-2.

Hellas played too much of the high-ball game, to which Praxelos and Russell became so accustomed. Had they used more variation, the Hellas players may have scored the goal that would have pushed the match into extra time.

As it was, Hellas was eliminated from the finals and will take no further part in soccer this year.

APIA WOULD PAY OWN FARES IN PHILIPS LEAGUE

After spending nine months compiling a submission, NSW State League club APIA-Leichhardt applied for membership of the Philips League yesterday (Tuesday).

It is seeking admission to the PSL for the 1979 season and is offering to pay its own air fares.

APIA's bid for PSL membership is backed by one major sponsor and 12 smaller sponsors.

The major sponsor and the APIA social club are each prepared to put a six-figure sum into the soccer club.

There is also a sponsor for the cost of the air fares.

APIA has started a petition asking all members to attend all home matches next season. So far, it bears 4958 signatures. The petition will be sent to PSL headquarters when at least 8000 people have signed it.

The APIA social club has 15,000 members. Up to the start of the 1977 season, when the PSL kicked off without APIA, the club was consistently the best-supported in NSW.

Twelve months ago, it appointed a five-man

committee to prepare a detailed submission for PSL membership.

The submission says the club is prepared to recruit nine top-class players to make the team strong enough for PSL competition next season.

APIA president Nick Papallo, a solicitor, said yesterday: "When the PSL commenced in 1977, members were shocked to hear that APIA, the premier soccer club in NSW, was not interested in joining the new league."

"We regret very much APIA's refusal to join. We realise how great was our mistake."

"If soccer in this country continues to progress as ASF presi-

dent Sir Arthur George and his executive visualise it is up to all senior clubs, especially clubs like APIA, to rally behind the ASF with all the support they can muster.

"As soon as the ASF and the PSL give us the go-ahead, we will appoint a full-time coach."

"We are also considering the possibility of appointing a man on a full-time basis to control the soccer administration."

"A strong APIA in the PSL would stimulate the code crowd-wise. There are about 100,000 Italians in Sydney and at times, 20,000 of them supported the APIA team."

Gutendorf back on Tuesday

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will return from West Germany to start his appointment on Tuesday.

He will land in Melbourne, where he will meet the Press.

From Melbourne he will fly to Sydney where he will be stationed.



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IT'S CROATIA'S TITLE BUT APPIA FALTERS

Croatia assured themselves of their second successive Rothman's State League crown with a 5-0 win over Yugal at Sydney Sports Ground.

Croatia started slowly but sprang to life after 20 minutes.

Croatia launched their goal scoring in the 27th minute when the master Atli Abonyi took a free kick 28 metres out. His terrific drive curled around the Yugal wall giving the goalkeeper no chance as it crashed into the net.

The second goal came four minutes later when Maurice Sullivan scored after a shot by Peter Mullen had hit the upright. Sullivan also scored the third in the 37th minute when he converted a pass by Abonyi.

Croatia quickly added to their 3-0 half time lead. Seven minutes into the second half the Yugal goalkeeper brought down John Russell, who was certain to score and Abonyi made no mistake with the resultant penalty.

Walter Saver added number five after Frank Layden's shot had been pushed out by the goalkeeper.

There were several outstanding players in Croatia's side but defender Bob Russell, Abonyi and Sullivan were the stars.

Best for Yugal were defender Zivka Trkulja and mid-fielder Peter Cuk.

APIA's last chance to maintain credit as semi-final contenders evaporated when Avale downed them 2-1 at Lambert Park.

Winning 14 first-half corners, the Maroons made opportunities galore but they completely failed to conquer a valiant Avale defence.

Striker Gary Belfman chested home Avale's first goal as early as the tenth minute.

Alan Griffiths took a quick throw, Eddie Patterson accelerated to cut back the ball from the by-line, and rangy young Belfman did the rest.

APIA controlled the game with deft passes from Terry Butler, but the little mid-fielder was sorely handicapped by a knock to his right leg.

It was Butler who put APIA on level terms in the 38th minute with a 20 metre half volley clipping the underside of the crossbar. Butler's injury forced his replacement by Alfie Link in the 55th minute.

The winning goal came in the 53rd minute when a pass from Avale's fullback George Krejca came across the face of the APIA defence for right-winger Paul Janok to drive it low under APIA goalkeeper Mike Fraser.

The game produced a fine effort from Avale's young goalkeeper Graham Rimmer.

Merricksville Olympic kept alive the remote chance of sneaking into the semi-finals convincingly beating Granville 3-0 at Gariside Park.

In a hard-fought and entertaining game, Olympic had the measure of Granville throughout.

Ross Brown nearly put Olympic in the lead straight from the kick off but his shot from about 15 metres hit the crossbar and was cleared.

Olympic took the lead in the 17th minute when winger Peter Belfas went through the Granville defence to score with a shot from 12 metres.

Ten minutes after the interval, Olympic went further ahead with a

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Arncliffe v Granville, Seymour Shaw.
Manly v Sutherland, Cromer Park.
Auburn v M'Villie Olympic, Gariside Park.
Croatia v Monaro, Sports Ground.
Bankstown v APIA, Soccer Centre.
Yugal v Mella, Concord Oval.
Avale v Toongabbie, to be announced.

goal by Ross Brown from a Steve Kable corner.

Granville goalkeeper Barry Moore partly stopped the header from Brown but could not stop Brown from finishing it off from five metres.

Brown put the final seal on the game three minutes from the end when he scored an easy goal from ten metres following a pass by Peter Belfas.

Toongabbie continued their winning run and made it two wins in two days with a 1-0 win over a game Manly side at Cromer Park.

Manly managed to get only a couple of shots on the Toongabbie goal but kept trying to the end.

Good build-up by the Toongabbie forwards led to the only goal of the match in the 12th minute when Jim Izatt slipped the ball to Carlos Ortega for him to score from eight metres.

John Dick had a good game from Manly and a 30-metre drive from him went just wide of the post.

In the goalless second half, Toongabbie were the more skilful side and Boyle did well to clear off the Manly goal line.

Jim Izatt, Hector Gerle and Rick Hormazabal all played well for Toongabbie.

In the closing stages both Bob Geoghegan and Scott Beverley had good scoring chances for Manly but their shots were off target.

Auburn kept their slim semi-final hopes alive by defeating Monaro 3-1 at Mona Park.

But the two points were not secure until the 70th minute when Bruce Tilt ran home a Terry Bertram pass.

The score before Tilt's goal was 2-1 after Auburn's giant defender Kevin Dobson had given a bad back pass for Monaro's John Morsello to ram home.

Monaro started to put their game together but Tilt's goal brought the shutters down for the visiting team.

Auburn opened the scoring in the tenth minute when Willie Hamilton converted a penalty after Andy Tracey had been brought down by three defenders.

Auburn scored their second goal in the 24th minute when the goalkeeper Ron Glabourne kicked out a long ball.

Monaro defender Ian Cumming misjudged the kick and Mick Stevenson snuck in behind cumming to side foot the ball into the net.

Sutherland were lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw against lowly Arncliffe at Barton Park.

Arncliffe could well have taken both points had they not missed a penalty in the second half.

For the first 45 minutes, methodical build-ups by the Sutherland team enabled them to dominate play and constantly menace the Arncliffe goal.

It was not team work, however, which gave Sutherland a deserved lead, but a brilliant individual effort by Craig Hall.

Picking up the ball in midfield in the 25th minute, he beat three tackles and calmly placed the ball past the Arncliffe goalkeeper.

Arncliffe defended grimly but rarely looked dangerous in attack. After half time, Sutherland's system and method fell away as Arncliffe began to move forward and it was obvious that Sutherland missed the cool head and leadership of their injured coach, John Watkins.

In the 13th minute Arncliffe's Nelson Brizuela placed the ball wide of the posts from the penalty spot but Arncliffe refused to give up and their persistence began to expose gaps in the Sutherland defence.

It was no surprise when a totally unmarked Steve Blackburn scored the equaliser from close range with the Sutherland defence in a tangle, and with a little luck, Arncliffe could have snatched another goal before the end.

Arncliffe deserved their draw, if only for their refusal to give in under pressure. The Sutherland team showed poor form for a club which is almost certain to be taking part in the semi-finals.

A doubtful penalty to Mella in the second minute of injury time cost relegation-threatened Bankstown a vital point in the 2-2 draw at the Soccer Centre.

Joe Farrugia scored from the spot after a collision between Bankstown's Greg Lynch and Mella's Terry Jones caused the referee to signal the penalty.

Brian Parker had put Mella ahead early in the game when he slid a ball past Town's defence to Kevin Greedy in a very evenly matched first half.

Bankstown were having the best of the last 20 minutes and with only five minutes to go they went ahead. Chris Rootsey laid a ball off onto Craig Teck whose pass to David Morrison was crossed for Neil Williams to score.

Merricksville Olympic's semi-final hopes were shattered when they were handed a 3-0 thrashing by Toongabbie at Girraween Park.

Toongabbie started off brightly, controlling play in the midfield and setting up many raids on the Olympic goal.

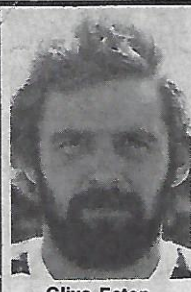
In the fourth minute, Toongabbie striker Steve Pollard made a break down the right and goalkeeper George Bartzle did well to save with his leg.

The Demons continued to press forward and on numerous occasions, Bartzle was called on to make diving saves.

Then, in a five-minute spell, Toongabbie broke the deadlock. Jimmy Izatt drew two defenders and zipped Hormazabal a short pass, and his 20-metre drive crashed into the back of the net with the keeper well off his line.

Ten minutes later, Izatt scored from the penalty spot after an Olympic defender handled the ball just inside the area.

Toongabbie sealed the game in the seventh minute of the second half when Steve Pollard slammed the ball in after a pinpoint cross from Carlos Ortega.



Clive Eaton



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Eaton takes scorer's prize

Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs has won the Konstantine Jewel Box — "Soccer Action" top scorer's award.

His prize is a Citizen Quartz Cryston watch from Konstantine Jewel Box of Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Eaton and Ken Boden of Newcastle each scored 14 goals in league matches, so we announced last week that Phillips Cup matches would be

taken into account to break the deadlock.

Counting Cup matches, Eaton had 16 goals and Boden 15 going into the Newcastle v Wests quarter-final clash last Sunday.

Neither striker scored in that game, so Eaton retained his lead to win the award.

Newcastle won the Cup quarter-final 1-0 with a goal by Peter Tredennick.

Boyle my choice as the best player of 1978

When Marconi was six points clear at the top of the PSL table, West Adelaide's Peter Boyle said something like: "We are now out to catch them."

That statement was typical of Boyle's confidence and his ability to inspire his team mates.

I said before the end of the championship that West Adelaide was more a team of dedicated, determined workers than one of pure skill.

However, Peter Boyle is an exception in every way, and there is no doubt that his well-knit team deserved to win the title.

The ability of Boyle and his captain Neil McGachey to inspire their colleagues and

make them consistent winners, was the main reason for

West Adelaide's success.

I take Boyle ahead of McGachey only because his technical qualities are so superior to those of most other players in the league.

In short, Boyle is my choice as Player of the Year. Well done Peter, congratulations West Adelaide.

The great Attila Abonyi has joined the coaching staff of Australian Soccer Camps in Sydney — and what an acquisition this man is!

Abonyi, the playing-coach of Sydney Croatia, has participated in three World Cups — the qualifying series of 1969 and 1977 and the finals of 1974. He has represented Australia continuously since 1967.

I wrote some weeks ago that Marconi's Jimmy Rooney has not missed a match for five years.

Abonyi has an even more impressive record. He has not been out injured since 1963!

What's more, this great player who is a product of Australian coaching, has very rarely had to accept disciplinary measures from referees.

You can't imagine how pleased the kids were when Abonyi made his first appearance at the Australian Soccer Camps coaching school at Durai.

Together with Mark Jankovic and Peter Sharne he became the idol of the many boys who enrolled to increase their soccer knowledge.

There is no doubt that Abonyi has a promising future in coaching.

In the "Newcastle Morning Herald", columnist Jeff Corbett listed the names of the Australian schoolboys' squad that toured North America.

He mentioned names like Krncevic, Pazano, Christopoulos, Raskopoulos etc. and his final remark was that the European origins of the game were still evident.

It was an unnecessary remark, an extension of the "apartheid" attitude that seems to exist in regard to "ethnic" v "non ethnic" participation.

May I ask Mr Corbett what his "origins" are and whether

it really matters? Will Joe Senkalski, Newcastle's favorite son, have to change his name? What about Ardiles and Villa in England?

Players who are forced out of soccer for long periods due to serious injury are unfortunately quickly forgotten by the public. Doug Utesenovic, George Gibson, Paul Cotton and Richie Bell were examples.

Now we have George Campbell of South Melbourne Hellas out of action with a broken leg.

I sympathise with little Campbell who had just become the darling of the Hellas fans after following his acclimatisation after his arrival from Scotland.

He sells pure soccer, which is technique. Therefore he is an exciting player to watch.

During his lay-off he will be a great loss to Hellas and to soccer in general.

I wish him the quickest possible recovery and look forward to seeing him back on the field very soon.

I advise all top clubs, especially those in Melbourne, to take notice of an under 13 player called George Kalogeros, who plays for the Port Melbourne juniors.

George is the son of the former Hellas full back against whom I played while I was with Footscray JUST.

George was one of the boys at Australian Soccer Camps and his soccer ability amazed us all.

He demonstrated technique which is equal to many top Phillips League players and I look forward to seeing him again.

Green Gully Ajax of the Victorian State League may be an unknown club on the national scene, but it produces a magnificent match programme which is perhaps the best in Australia.

The editor, Peter Desira, has been sending me a copy of each issue and I would like to thank him.

Desira is demonstrating what promotion is all about. Ajax is indeed lucky to have him in the club.

Marston signs for two years

Sydney Olympic has wasted little time appointing next year's coach.

Maclaren off to England

South Melbourne Hellas manager Dave Maclaren will spend two weeks with top clubs Manchester City and Nottingham Forest when he visits England later this month.

But his main mission on the tour is to sign three top players for Hellas.

Maclaren said he didn't have any players in mind, but thought it would be only a formal finding the right man.

"The club has given me the money and the go-ahead to get two players," said Maclaren.

The former Wolverhampton goalkeeper will use his time with Manchester City and Nottingham Forest to study new coaching techniques.

"We are a bit isolated in Australia and it's important to keep in touch with developments overseas," said Maclaren.

"I will spend time with Tony Book (Manchester City manager) and Brian Clough (Nottingham Forest manager) to find out the latest happenings in England."

Fitzroy-Alexander coach John Margaritis has asked "Soccer Action" to extend his congratulations to West Adelaide Hellas on winning the PSL championship.

"West Adelaide played extremely well all season and deserved to win the title," said Margaritis.

"I also congratulate captain Neil McGachey for his leadership on the field. I've always liked him as a player."

Margaritis coached West Adelaide early this year before being replaced by Jim Adam when he left to join Alexander.

Philips Cup

Remaining Philips League quarter-final matches will be played on Sunday, September 24.

They are: Essendon Croatia v Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Park.

Canberra City v Fitzroy Alexander at Bruce Stadium.

Brisbane City v Hakoah-Easts at Perry Park.

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'We'll win the Cup,' says Pat



A pictorial tribute to Pat Bannon, by photographer SAM BELFONTE. He is shown heading Newcastle's John Sneddon in a heading duel, being congratulated by team mates after scoring a goal, and trying in vain to prevent a shot by Sammy Wright of South Melbourne Hellas.



By KYLE PATTERSON

Question jovial Fitzroy Alexander captain Pat Bannon about any mistakes he's made during a game this season and you're likely to get his stock answer — "I'm getting too old!"

The barrel-chested midfielder, in his sixth season with the club admits age is catching up with him.

"I'm not as consistent as I'd like to be and that annoys me," said Bannon, one of the most sociable guys in Melbourne soccer.

"I've had more bad games than I'd have liked this season. It must be because I'm getting on a bit?" he joked.

"I'd like to be playing much better, because when you're down on form you don't get much enjoyment from playing."

At 30, Pat may be nearing the end of his career, but he is in no way over the hill. However, he still hasn't made up his mind about whether he will continue to play after this year.

"We'll have to see how it goes," he said. "I'm going to have a talk with the club but I haven't made up my mind yet."

"My contract runs for another year, so I'll probably play for another season. It's up in the air at the moment. I'm not sure what I'll do."

You can bet the shirt on your back that Alexander will do everything possible to keep Bannon playing! Imported from Scotland midway through the 1972 season, he's the longest serving player in the club's current first team squad, and he's very popular among Alexander's fans.

Leaving Alexander would be a big wrench for Bannon. He's enjoyed his time with the club so much that he regards being signed by Fitzroy as a lucky break!

"When a player comes out to Australia as I did," he explains, he doesn't know what goes on in the local scene. He looks at the names Hellas, Alexander, Hakoah and so on, and they don't mean anything. It's not until you arrive that you find out which are the good clubs.

"I was lucky Fitzroy contacted me in Scotland. The club's got good support and treats players very well. I've been very happy here."

Bannon said that the club's fans never cease to amaze him.

"I've never seen soccer fans as fanatical as the Greeks," said Pat. "You just can't describe the way they feel about soccer. It's their whole life."

"When I first started with the club, we won a lot of games. The Greeks went daft; it was just amazing. Of course, when you're losing they go the opposite way. But they are very exciting to play for."

Before coming to Australia, Bannon played 'junior' soccer in Scotland. In Scottish soccer, the junior league is the step below the professional ranks, not a competition for young players as the term 'junior' may suggest.

He played for Tranent and then for Broxburn. Pat's brother, Vince, played in the same

league, but with other teams, as did other Alexander imports George Gillan, Sam Cook, Frank Donachie and Ian Gibson.

Vince now plays with Frankston City, after having won the 1973 Rothmans Medal with Alexander. As the history books show, Pat emulated his brother's feat by winning the medal the following year.

There are two other soccer-playing Bannon brothers. Ged is with Frankston City with Vince, and Eamon, reputedly the best of all the Bannons, is with Scottish Premier League club Hearts.

Pat arrived at Alexander when the club was on the bottom of the State League. The boost given by the 'Scottish brigade' lifted the club to the respectable fifth position by the end of the season.

'If it weren't for the Greeks soccer would be dead in Melbourne. The support they give to the game has kept soccer going.'

Pat found the State League to be on par with the junior league in his homeland, the difference being that the Scottish competition was more physical.

"You had more time to play the ball in the State League," said Pat. "The crowds were a bit bigger in Victoria. We'd average about 500 for a league game back home, with maybe 4-5,000 at a cup final."

The highlight of 1972 was Alexander's victory over arch rival South Melbourne Hellas. The game was played at Middle Park, and Hellas was on top of the league at the time. It was the first time Alexander had beaten Hellas.

"We won 4-2," said Pat, "and our fans went nuts. Since then, we've had the better of Hellas."

The year 1973 was a let-down for Pat, because he thought Alexander had a great chance of winning the league, but finished third.

In the Dockett Cup final of that year, Alexander went down 0-1 to Hakoah. "It was a big disappointment losing that final," reflected Pat. "The trouble was, we had the cup won before the ball was kicked. We should have won 5-1, but lost by the odd goal."

Pat's contract with Alexander expired at the end of the 1973 season, but he re-signed because he 'liked the place.'

1974 was Pat's best year in Australian soccer.

"I played a lot of good games," he said modestly, "but I never thought I'd win the Rothmans Medal. The big thing was the car,

Alexander skipper wants Philips League clubs to play in Ampol series

which was the prize in the Player of the Year award run by "The Age" and Channel 9. However, I was surprised I won anything."

1975 brought more success, this time in the form of the State League championship.

However, in 1976, Alexander slumped badly, finishing fifth.

1977 saw the beginning of the Philips Soccer League.

"The national league's done a lot for the game," said Pat. "For a start, Alexander had a much stronger playing squad for the first season in, and many other clubs improved their playing staffs. This lifted the standard straight away."

"The league's even better this season. It's very competitive, and far more even than the State League. There's a lot of interest, which can only be good for the game."

However, there's one modernisation brought by the establishment of the P.S.L. that doesn't please Pat.

"The season is very long," he said, half groaning. "We've been at it since December 1 last year, and when you're out of the running for the league and the final four, as Alexander was, training becomes very monotonous."

"The amount of training we do is ridiculous. Part-timers in Scotland train twice a week and professionals train, say, four days a week. We're in the middle."

Pat added that Scottish professional clubs did only a month of pre-season training.

"We do three months in hot weather," said Pat. "It's not necessary. All we'd need is a couple of weeks of hard conditioning and, say, have the Melbourne P.S.L. teams in the Ampol Cup. That way, the players get to be match fit. But doing three months is too much."

Pat urged the Melbourne P.S.L. clubs and the Victorian Soccer Federation to settle their differences over the Ampol Cup format.

"Most players enjoy playing the Ampol Cup games on a Friday and Saturday night at Olympic Park," said Pat. "It's not two hot and the fans always get interested."

"If the P.S.L. clubs were in, there would be even more interest. That game between the P.S.L. and the State League earlier this year wasn't a true indication of the difference between the two leagues. I'm sure the fans would like to see State League teams take on the P.S.L. sides."

P.S.L. club directors take note! Pat has some forthright views on other matters.

"If it weren't for the Greeks," he said, "soccer would be dead in Melbourne. The support they give to the game has kept soccer going. A lot of clubs, like Frankston or Mooroolbark, have or did have very ambitious plans. However, they don't have the support to build up financially."

"We can learn a lesson from Newcastle," he added. "That club has promoted the game properly and is on the way. I don't know if it's lack of promotion that holds back most Melbourne clubs but in any case, the Greek clubs are keeping us going."

And on the question of that well-used cliché 'local talent': "I think it will be five to 10 years before Australian juniors will come through into the senior ranks with any great force."

Sure there are a couple of outstanding juniors coming through now (Pat mentioned Eddie Krncevic of Essendon Croatia and George Christopolous of Hellas), but still clubs would be better off importing players from overseas.

"The junior game is picking up but we've got a long way to go before we crack the Aussie Rules stranglehold."

Australia has the potential to be a soccer nation. The people love the outdoors and are naturally athletic."

And what about more current events?

"Obviously the Philips Cup is our aim," said Pat, "and I reckon we can win it. Hakoah is the danger team, but we'll have a bit of a lay off while they're involved in the top four competition."

"Winning the Cup would make up for our disappointing showing in the league. I honestly thought we could have won it after our good form of last season. We didn't even reach the final four, so the Cup's our big hope."

And what of Bannon's future in soccer after his playing days are over?

"I'd like to get into coaching," he said. "I've thought about going for my coach's badge and would like to do the course soon. I wouldn't want to take over a national league team at first — probably a State League or First Division outfit."

Apart from being one of the characters of Victorian soccer, Pat Bannon is a fine, dedicated player. It's good to hear that he won't be lost to the code when his playing days are over.

His parting words sum up the man pretty well.

"I really enjoy soccer," he said, "and there are plenty of laughs along the way."

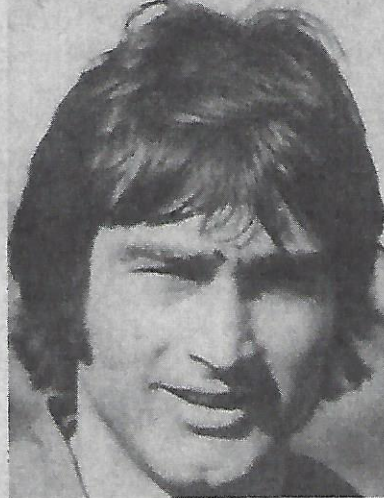
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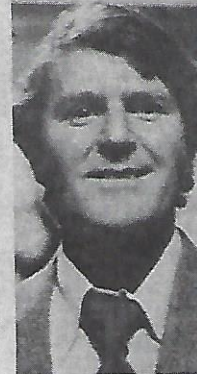
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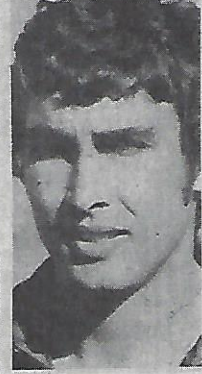
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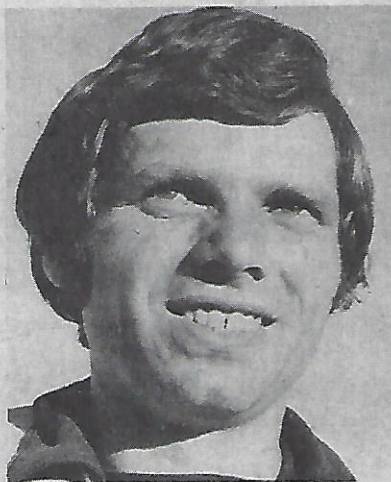
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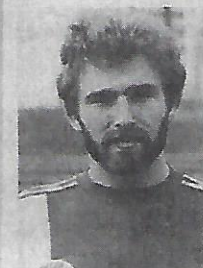
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QUOTES OF THE YEAR

'Soccer Action' quotes of the year (PART ONE):

"There's little hope for Menotti's men (Argentina) in the 1978 World Cup." — **Egidio Basile Grazi**, our South American correspondent. Of course, Argentina went on to WIN the World Cup.

"South Melbourne will definitely finish in the top four." — **Bertie Lutton** of South Melbourne Hellas, February 9. Bertie was certainly right.

"This sort of thing is ruining soccer in the Metropolitan League. We (Kellor Austria) aren't the only club with this problem. Players everywhere are being greedy and unreasonable." — **Fred Csar**, Kellor Austria official, on the highly-inflated match payment demanded by two Austria players.

"If people stick their noses in where they don't belong, a coach's job is impossible. You can't run a club that way." — **Duncan McKay**, now coach of Green Gully, commenting on his sacking by Essendon Croatia. Duncan was only the first of eight Victorian State League coaches to be sacked. Three others resigned.

"I was disappointed being left out of Jim Shoulder's World Cup squad, but looking back, I'm glad I didn't get picked. The approach was so amateurish, the team didn't stand a chance." — **Branko Buljevic**,

Fitzroy Alexander.

"I don't give a damn what the Press thinks, because most of them have never played soccer and don't know what they are talking about."

— **Peter Ollerton**, then of South Melbourne Hellas, now with Marconi.

"Some of the things the Australian Press threw at me were kids' stuff compared with the things the English Press threw at Don Revie." — **Jimmy Shoulder**, Australian team coach.

"I'd like to ask the fans one thing — back us in the bad times as well as when we're winning." — **Bill Dumbell**, then coach of Preston Makedonia. Unfortunately the fans didn't listen, and during Makedonia's losing streak, Dumbell was sacked.

"Even if I were 20 and just starting my career, I wouldn't want to play for Australia." — **Doug Utjesenovic** of St. George. The former Socceroo had unpleasant experiences with the A.S.F., resulting in a legal battle for compensation for injuries Utjesenovic sustained on the Australian team's world tour.

"There's no way I'll play for any other club than Brisbane Lions." — **Barrie Fairbrother**, the former Milwall, Orient and Mooroolbark striker now with Lions. Two weeks after making that statement, Barrie wanted a transfer FROM Lions.

"Soccer needs a big kick in the

guts at present. It's in a big rut and I reckon Victorian soccer could do with a complete rest for 12 months."

— **Guy Spiteri**, president of Green Gully (Vic.).

"Some mornings my back is so stiff I can't even bend down to put my socks on." — **Jim Kriaris** of Footscray JUST.

Despite the pain of his back injury, Jim played on and was rewarded with a presentation when he retired after JUST's last game.

"Everyone says it's tough at the top, but it sure isn't easy at the bottom." — **Jim Tansey** of Fitzroy Alexander, when the Greek club was sitting in last position.

"Helmut Schoen (former West German national coach) could've coached Australia and we still wouldn't have made the World Cup finals."

— **Jim Shoulder**, former Australian national coach.

"I'm going to appeal to the V.S.F. and George Wallace to let us use the ground outside Middle Park. After all, Melbourne is one of the founder members of the Federation and put up 2,000 pounds along with the other founder clubs. Surely they can do us a favour now." — **Julius Kubik**, official of Melbourne. The V.S.F. showed it had some heart, and let Melbourne play on the ground outside Middle Park, despite it being too small under Federation rules.

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Dutch want to play in England

LONDON, England manager Ron Greenwood enthused about the introduction of overseas players when he spoke at the launching of the 1978-79 Rothmans Football Year-book.

"Talk of not granting other players work permits is a head-in-the-sand attitude. We have three here, it's about time we had 33", said Greenwood.

"I want to see Ardiles and Villa play for Tottenham recently and the

feeling of pre-match excitement in the crowd was almost unbelievable.

"I have not felt such expectation since the days of Matthews and Finney."

"Greenwood said he felt there would be a lot more foreign players coming into the league, both from overseas countries such as Argentina and common market countries like Holland.

"The Dutch in particular are eager to play here. They have a high regard for English Football. We set the standard but now we have got to open our minds and see what

aspects of their game we can emulate."

"Bobby Robson, who has added Dutch midfielder player Arnold Muhren to his FA Cup-winning team, received one of the Rothmans awards from his overall contribution to the game last season.

Liverpool striker Kenny Dalglish and Everton's 30-goal ace Bob Latchford were also honoured together with Nottingham Forest captain, John McGovern, Rangers skipper-turned-manager John Greig and non-league surprise team Billerica Town.



SCORERS AND STARS OF 78



These are the goalscorers and players ratings (based on the JAT award) for each of the Philips League clubs. Note: only appearances of at least 35 minutes have been included.

ADELAIDE CITY

JUVENTUS

20-26 Matches:
7.4 B. Nyskohus (26 m)
7.3 J. Nyskohus (24), Northcote (23).

1-9 Matches:
7.0 Marshall (22).

10-19 Matches:
7.2 Deans (10), Muir (10), 6.9 Besir (18), Marocchi (16), Muniz (14).

Goalscorers:
6.8 Matic (12), Marwe (12), 6.5 Yung (19).
1-9 Matches:
7.8 Kolecki (5), 7.0 Fyfe (3), 6.8 Rigby (5), 6.6 Romanowicz (7), 6.3 Dance (3), 6.1 Melita (6), 6.0 Kosmina (4), Russo (2), 5.5 McCluskey (2).

Goalscorers:
7 J. Nyskohus, 5 Marocchi, Deans, Perin, 4 Northcote, 3 Kolecki, Muir, Muniz, 1 Melita, B. Nyskohus, o.g. Grosse (St.G.).

BRISBANE CITY

20-26 Matches:

7.16 Perry (25), 7.1 Tokes (23), 6.9 Gaffney (26), 6.8 Wishart (24), 6.6 Caldwell (21), 6.2 Echeverria (20).

10-19 Matches:
7.1 Conner (14), 6.9 Pimblett (17), Coyne (13), 6.8 Marley (18), Kibbey (18), 6.5 Iozelli (11), Rathmell (10).

1-9 Matches:
6.2 Lavelle (11), 5.8 Johnston (11), 5.1 Kelso (8), 7.0 Barlow (2), 6.8 Ratcliffe (5), 6.4 Fagan (8), 6.3 Brusasco (3), 6.0 Wallace (1), Clark (1), 5.5 Ibanez (2).

Goalscorers:
6 Marley, 5 Caldwell, Kelso, 3 Echeverria, 2 Conner, Gaffney, Coyne, 1 Lavelle, Perry, o.g. Mason (Newc), Rujevic (Footsc-JUST), B. Nyskohus (Ad.C.Juve).

BRISBANE LIONS

20-26 Matches:

7.3 Hermiston (26),

7.1 Lownds (22), 7.0 Bennett (23), 6.9 Potter (25), 6.7 Hughes (25), 6.3 Laszlo (20), 6.2 Neale (25).

10-19 Matches:
7.0 Amos (16), 6.9 Niven (19), 6.8 Fairbrother (17), Ontong (12), 6.7 Morris (15), 6.6 Spearritt (16), 6.4 Wilson (17).

1-9 Matches:
7.0 Lawrie (1), 6.3 McKenzie (4), 6.0 Venables (4), 5.8 Ogden (4).

Goalscorers:
9 Hughes, 5 Fairbrother, 4 Neale, 3 Laszlo, Morris, Hermiston, 2 Spearritt, Amos, Ontong, 1 Potter, o.g. Thomson (Hak), B. Nyskohus (Ad.C.Juve).

CANBERRA

20-26 Matches:

7.5 Henderson (26), 7.4 Starke (24), 7.2 Tilised (24), 7.1 Byrne (21), 7.0 Grujicic (20), 6.9 Cant (22).

10-19 Matches:
8.2 Marinello (11), 7.4 B. Stoddart (17), 7.3 Brown (19), 7.1 Milovanovic (15), 6.9 Heywood (19), Moulis (18), Davies (18), 6.7 Hogg (15).

1-9 Matches:
7.3 Kawaleva (6), 7.0 Salgado (2), Lustica (1), 6.6 Parker (9), 6.5 Lindenmayer (2), 6.0 K. Henderson (1), 5.0 Reis (1).

Goalscorers:
9 Grujicic, Byrne, 2 Stoddart, Heywood, 1 Cant, Starke, Marinello, T. Henderson, o.g. Hermiston (Br. Lions), Bennett (Br. Lions).

FITZROY ALEXANDER

20-26 Matches:

7.2 Buljevic (20), 7.1 Tansey (25), 7.0 McMillan (25), Campbell (25), 6.7 Bannon (25), Provan (24), 6.6 Cole (25), Bozikas (21), 6.5 Taylor (25), 6.4 O'Reilly (25).

10-19 Matches:
6.7 Blasby (19), 6.2 Micevski (11), 5.9 Selamidis (10).

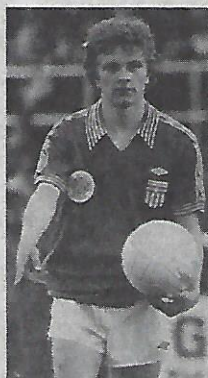
1-9 Matches:
7.6 Marner (7), 6.0 Tront (2), Hay (2).

Goalscorers:
12 Campbell, 11 Cole, 6 Buljevic, 3 Bozikas, Taylor, 1 Tront, Micevski, Tansey, McMillan, Bannon.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

20-26 Matches:

7.65 Lujic (23), 7.2 Kondarios (26), 7.1 Rujevic (23), 7.0 Picioane (24), Kriaris (20), 6.9 Ilioski (26), Palinkas (21), 6.7 Ristovski (20).



George Campbell (left) and Frank Munro — they greatly strengthened South Melbourne Hellas when they arrived late in the year.



Dixie Deans (left) and Agenor Muniz — Adelaide Juventus improved when they returned.

6.6 Hazabent (22), 7.3 Boland (19), 6.7 Kazi (17), 6.4 Nicolaides (15), 6.2 Vasic (16).

1-9 Matches:
7.6 Ristic (5), 7.0 Belic (1), 6.5 Parrott (2), 6.2 Martin (5), 6.0 O'Hara (7), McGuinness (3).

Goalscorers:
6 Lujic, 4 Rujevic, Palinkas, Picioane, 3 Ristovski, Nicolaides, 1 Kriaris, Vasic, McGuinness, Kondarios, Ilioski.



HAKOAH-EASTS

20-26 Matches:

7.3 Mullen (23), 7.1 Watson (26), Clarke (23), Barnes (22), 7.0 Silva (26), O'Connor (25), Thomson (24), 6.9 Stevenson (25), 6.7 Mowbray (26), Campbell (22).

10-19 Matches:
7.2 Souness (18), 6.7 R. Smith (11).

1-9 Matches:
7.5 T. Smith (6), 7.1 Trenter (6), 6.0 Simao (2), DiMelo (2), 5.8 Pezzano (4), 5.0 Illingsworth (3), Kershaw (2), Townsend (1), McGuinness (1).

Goalscorers:

8 Silva, Campbell, 5 Watson, Stevenson, T. Smith, 4 Barnes, Trenter, 3 Souness, 1 Mullen, O'Connor, Thomson, o.g. Tokes (Br.C), D. Allan (Syd.O), Bennett (Br.Lions), Grosse (St.G).

MARCONI

20-26 Matches:

7.62 Vieri (24), 7.5 Rooney (26), 7.3 Degney (26), Sharne (25), Prskalo (23), 7.0 Maher (26), 6.7 Russell (26), 6.5 Mariani (26).

10-19 Matches:
7.4 Richards (10), 6.8 Jankovic (18), 6.6 Jones (18), Byrne (11), 6.2 Ollerton (10).

1-9 Matches:
6.6 Salvage (9), 6.3 Williams (6), Berry (3), 6.0 Brogan (6), Ielamo (1).

Goalscorers:
11 Vieri, Jankovic, 6 Sharne, Mariani, 4 Rooney, 3 Richards, Byrne, 2 Ollerton, o.g. Parrott (Foot.JUST), Drinkwater (Newc), Wilson (Br.Lions), Neale (Br.Lions).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD.

20-26 Matches:

7.8 Boden (26), 7.3 Summerscales (26), 7.1 Dando (26), Drinkwater (26), Curran (25), 6.7 Galpin (21), 6.6 Mason (26), Willis (25).

10-19 Matches:
6.7 Tredinnick (11), 6.5 Aney (16), 6.3 Hards (13), 6.1 Endacott (16).

1-9 Matches:
8.0 Charlton (1), 7.3 Mountford (9), 7.0 Johnson (9), 6.5 Senkalski (2), 6.2 Sneddon (8), 6.0 Bellamy (1), Catalovskii (1).

Goalscorers:
5.0 Kay (1), Turnbull (1), 14 Boden, 3 Mason, Galpin, Curran, Drinkwater, 2 Mountford, Summerscales, Endacott, o.g. Harris (St.G.).

ST. GEORGE

BUDAPEST

20-26 Matches:

7.2 O'Connor (23), 7.0 Coe (23), 6.9 Morgan (25), 6.8 J. O'Shea (24), 6.6 Grosse (24), 6.5 Harris (24).

10-19 Matches:
7.6 Coates (10), 7.1 Utjesenovic (19), 6.6 Jones (15), Gnani (13), 6.5 Hensman (17), 6.4 Terry (18), R. O'Shea (12).

1-9 Matches:
8.0 Clemence (2), 7.0 Kay (3), Barton (1), 6.5 Tonanez (4), 6.4 M. O'Shea (7), 6.0 Djuricic (6), Holmik (2), Rendell (1), 5.9 Mendez (8), 5.0 Acosta (1).

Goalscorers:
11 O'Connor, 7 Hensman, 6 Morgan, 3 J. O'Shea, Coates, 2 Jones, Grosse, 1 R. O'Shea, Gnani, Djuricic, Mendez, Terry, Utjesenovic, o.g. Willis (Newc).

STH. MELBOURNE

HELLAS

20-26 Matches:

7.3 Lutton (22), 7.2 Baxter (25), 7.1 Kalafatis (23), 7.0 Cummings (22), 6.9 Pye (25), 6.8 Rogers (26), Wright (23), Hagegmanouli (26).

10-19 Matches:
7.9 Campbell (13), 7.4 Reilly (10), 7.2 Hansen (16), 7.0 Kent (13), 6.5 Christopoulos (11), 6.4 Ollerton (12).

1-9 Matches:
8.1 Evans (7), 7.0 Munro (5), Bergmann (1), 6.5 Nicolaides (2).

6.2 McGuinness (6), 6.0 Kakantonis (3), 5.0 Kyrgiakoulas (1), 4.0 Vaughan (1).

Goalscorers:
10 Cummings, 7 Ollerton, 6 Evans, 5 Christopoulos, 4 Rogers, 3 Campbell, Hagegmanouli, 1 Wright, Kent, Kalafatis, Baxter, o.g. O'Connor (St.G), Starke (Can).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

20-26 Matches:

7.2 Meier (22), 7.1 Ainslie (22), 6.8 Laing (26), 6.7 Jamieson (23), 6.6 Cross (24), 6.5 McIntosh (23).

10-19 Matches:
7.0 Bell (11), 6.6 Markland (19), 6.5 Wilson (16), Luckett (14), D. Allan (11), 6.3 Palmer (15), 7.6 Davourlis (8), 7.5 Coton (2), 6.7 Pirie (7), 6.4 G. Allan (9), Senkalski (7), 6.1 Stravopodis (7), 6.0 Karakostas (3), Raskopoulos (1), Kasparos (1), 5.6 Botham (3), 5.5 Thannidis (2), Constantinou (2), 5.0 Herron (1).

Goalscorers:
6 Pirie, Ainslie, 5 D. Allan, McIntosh, 3 Senkalski, Jamieson, Laing, 1 Wilson, Davourlis, Bell.

WEST ADELAIDE

HELLAS

20-26 Matches:

7.7 McGachey (26), 7.6 Kampas (20), 7.5 Boyle (25), 7.4 Jones (25), 7.2 Crook (26), 7.1 McGregor (24), 7.0 Honeyman (25), Reynolds (24), Bozanic (23).

10-19 Matches:
7.4 Pillans (13), 6.9 Tymczyszyn (16), 6.9 Norris (18).

1-9 Matches:
7.0 Carruthers (5), Service (2), 6.5 Pantelis (2), 6.0 Zivkovic (2), Batchelor (2), McCulloch (1), 5.9 Zervas (9), 5.8 Vagias (5).

Goalscorers:
7 McGregor, 5 Honeyman, 4 McGachey, Boyle, Norris, Jones, Bozanic, 2 Kampas, 1 Carruthers, Tymczyszyn, Reynolds, o.g. Drinkwater (Newc), O'Connor (Hak).

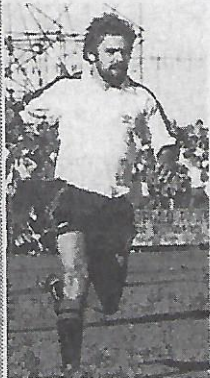
WESTERN SUBURBS

20-26 Matches:

7.2 Wilson (20), 7.1 Stone (25), 7.0 Turnbull (26), 6.8 O'Donnell (26), 6.7 Harding (26), C. Eaton (26), 6.6 Skellern (25), 6.5 Rowden (20).

10-19 Matches:
7.0 T. Eaton (10), 6.9 Woodhouse (10), 6.7 Scott (15), 6.4 Vernon (13), 6.3 Fisher (17), 6.2 Drewes (2), 6.1 Lachowicz (7), 6.0 Dadds (5), 6.3 Noble (9), Samuels (3), 6.0 Ankudinoff (3), 5.7 Campbell (4), 5.0 Davis (1).

Goalscorers:
14 C. Eaton, 9 Fisher, 4 Vernon, 3 Harding, Scott, 2 Turnbull, Stone, 1 Samuels, O'Donnell, Harding, o.g. Perry (Br.C).



Clive Eaton — goal machine of Western Suburbs.



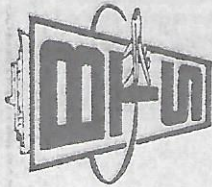
Ivo Prskalo — sweeper of Marconi.



Gary Meier — acrobatic goal-keeper of Sydney Olympic.

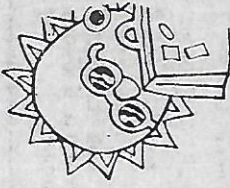


Ralph Coates — joined St. George from Tottenham Hotspur.



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TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is Soccer Action's Team of the Year, based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position are also shown. Voting averages are indicated. Note: Only players who played a minimum of 20 games have been included.

Last year's Team of the Year was:

Martyn
CROOK
(W. Adel, Hellas)

Jim
HERMISTON
(Brisb. Lions)

Mike
PYE
(Sth. Melb. Hellas)

Peter
WILSON
(West Suburbs)

Barry
REYNOLDS
(W. Adel, Hellas)

Ray
RICHARDS
(Marconi)

Murray
BARNES
(Hakoah)

Jimmy
ROONEY
(Marconi)

Joe
WATSON
(Hakoah)

Terry
SMITH
(Hakoah)

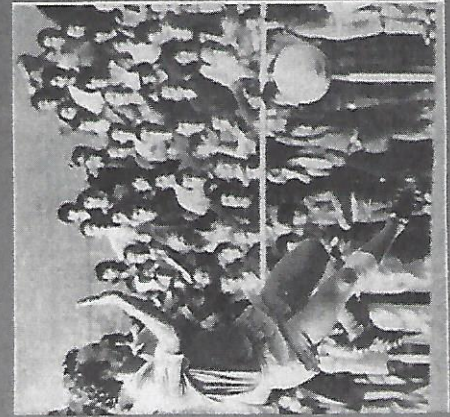
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BULJEVIC
(Fitz. Alexander)



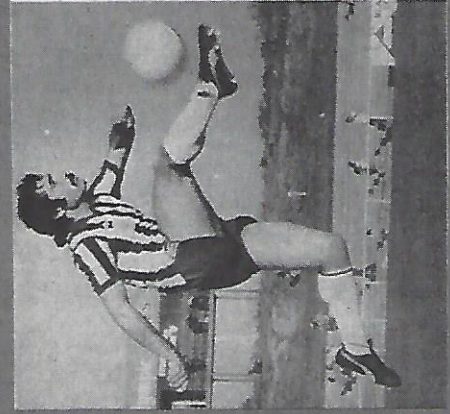
**Martyn
CROOK (7.32)**
(W. Adel, Hellas)
7.2 T. Ised (Canberra)
7.13 Meier (Olympic)



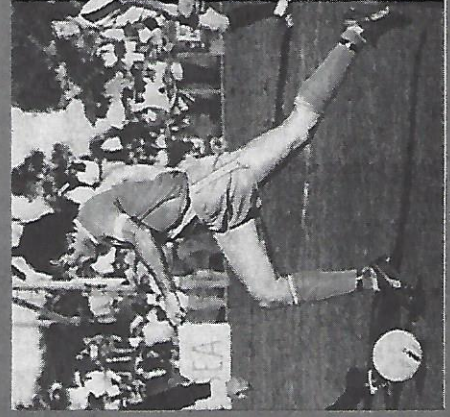
**Bugsey
NYSKOHUS (7.4)**
(Ad. G. Juventus)
7.3 Mullen (Hakoah)
6.50 McMillan (Alexander)



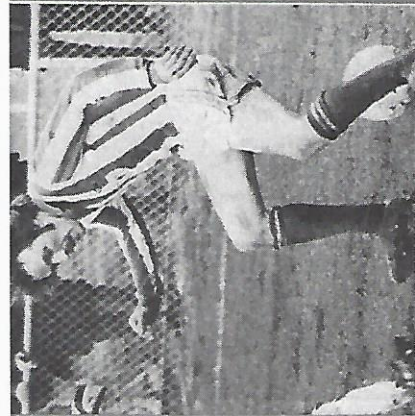
**Steve
PERRY (7.76)**
(Brisbane City)
7.5 Henderson (Can)
7.36 Jones (W. Adel)
7.30 Summerscales (Newc)



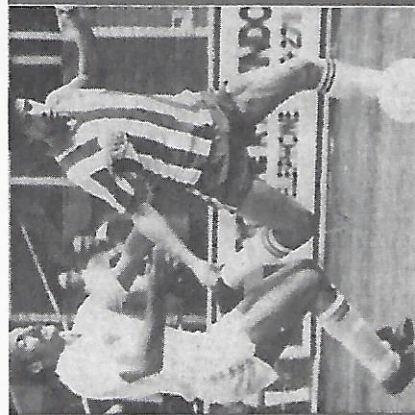
**Con
KAMPAS (7.6)**
(W. Adel, Hellas)



**Paul
DEGNEY (7.3)**
(Marconi)
7.08 Curran (Newc)
7.08 Tansley (Alex)

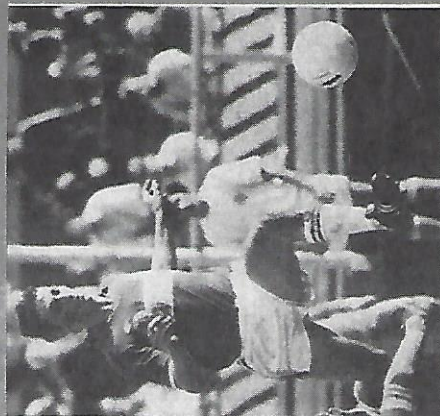


Peter
BOYLE (7.52)
(W. Adel. Hellas)

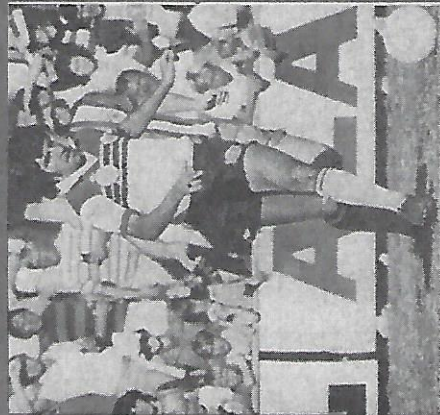


Neil
McGACHEY (7.7)
(W. Adel. Hellas)

7.5 Rooney (Maro); 7.3 Northcole (Ad. C. Juve); Luton (SM-Hellas); 7.1 Stone (West. Sub); Barnes (Hak); Rujevic (Foots JUST); Anslie (Oly).



Peter
SHARNE (7.32)
(Marconi)
7.23 J. Nyskohus (Ad. C. Juve)
7.22 O'Connor (St. G)



Ken
BODEN (7.8)
(Newcastle)
7.1 Byrne (Can)
7.0 Cummings (SM-Hellas)



Roberto
VIERI (7.62)
(Marconi)



Zdravko
LUJIC (7.65)
(Footscray JUST)
7.2 Buljevic (Alex)
7.1 McGregor (W. Ad. Hellas)



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MOE UNITED TOP AGAIN

Lalrope Valley (Vic) club Moe United celebrated its 25th anniversary this season by winning the senior league championship for a record fourth consecutive year.

The reserve side also celebrated on a high note by winning the league championship for the fourth time in five seasons.

The club's record over the past few seasons is:

SENIORS:
League champions 1975-76-77-78.
Battle of Britain Cup Winners 1976-77.



Moe United reserves, standing, from left: L. Stanbury (Coach), C. Vella, B. Mason, R. Umbrasas, M. Borg, B. Walton, K. Murdoch, R. Duljas. Kneeling: L. Polo, P. Spiteri, J. Wakker, I. Lindsay (Ass. Coach), R. Borg, J. Meli.

Moe United Seniors, Standing (left to right): L. Stanbury (Capt/coach), R. Ancilleri, H. Raun, W. Brand, D. Mason, I. McGarrity; Kneeling: M. Ancilleri, J. Gauci, J. Henderson, B. McGarrity, J. Cardona, I. Stanbury.

Custodian of the peace



Sunshine City (Vic) goalkeeper John Scholten graduated last week as a Police Constable.

He is pictured (right) being congratulated by Const. Ian Bunn, the Dux of the Squad.

Victorian State League club Juventus will have its 30th anniversary ball at the Royale Ballroom, Exhibition Buildings, on Saturday October 21 from 7.30 pm.

Juventus to celebrate its 30th anniversary

Specially struck commemorative medallions will be presented to former players and committee members.

The judging of Miss Juventus del Trentennio will also take place at the ball.

JUVENUS 0 — PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (McMillan 87th min.)

JUVENUS: Terzini 7, Della Rocca 6, Walker 7, Pfisterer 8, Sabadini 6, Smith 7, Sannipoli 5, C. Lucchesi 6, Watkins 7, Peponiadis 6, (Sabidussi 73rd min.), Holton injured (J. Lucchesi 8, 20th min.).

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 7, Petrovski 6, Hooper 6, Lesbirel 7, Beech 8, McGifford 5 (Blasewski 60th min.), McClymont 6, Bernard 7, Glennon 6, Hallam 5 (McMillan 80th min.), Fawcner 7.

Juventus will soon be looking for a new coach in 12 months.

Present coach Reno Vitti has been offered a lucrative three-year contract to coach a West Australian State League club, and will move to Perth in January.

Juventus spokesman Rocco De Zio said the club will look for a top coach in the local scene.

Vitti has been largely responsible for the revival of Juve after the Italian club's dismal performances earlier in the season.

Against Makedonia, Juventus played equally as well as its opponents but was robbed of match points by an opportunist goal by substitute George McMillan three minutes before time.

Before McMillan's effort, Juve had had the better goal scoring chances, but woeful finishing proved costly.

However, Makedonia also had several good chances to score in what was a very even, attacking game.

Being sunk in the dying stages spoilt the festive atmosphere in the Juve camp.

Earlier, Juve had staged two junior exhibition games (results: under 11 — Juventus 0 Fawcner 2, under 16 Juventus 1 Fawcner 2) and paraded all its junior teams before the main match.

To add a bit of glamour, Maria Malolo, an entrant in the Miss Juventus quest, kicked off the main match dressed in Juve strip. The slender-legged brunette is sponsored in the quest by the Alba Coffee Lounge.

After the game Vitti said that had Juve taken its chances, the team would have won by the same margin as when Juve last met Makedonia — four goals.

"It's disappointing to play well and lose," he said. "If you play badly and lose there are no complaints, but the boys did very well today."

The villain as far as Juve is concerned was John Lucchesi. Conservatively, he missed two easy goals.

Chris Peponiadis and Claude Lucchesi also missed good opportunities.

Man of the match was Steve Beech, the Makedonia left back. He played with great determination in both attack and defence. On many occasions he overtopped on the left flank and ran strongly when on the ball.

He restricted Juve dangerman Mick Watkins, giving the blond winger and other Juventus players little time to settle on the ball. Many of the Juve players were frustrated by Beech's niggling challenges.

Other good players were Steve Walker, Charlie Smith and Watkins for Juventus, and Jeff Fawcner, Eric Lesbirel and John Bernard of Makedonia.

Juve started the game confidently, pushing the ball around and building up moves with mainly short passes.

In contrast, Makedonia used the long ball well, and was most dangerous breaking out of defence. Fawcner and Bernard often found space on the flanks to receive the ball.

However, Makedonia's forward line had Paul Hallam and Chris Glenon doing very little.

JIVE COACH IS LEAVING

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

the lead. A long clearance by Terzini, helped on by a tall wind, caught the Makedonia defence back pedalling. Watkins nipped in between Gary Hooper and the advancing Peter Laumets, and his challenge saw the ball run loose to Peponiadis. With Laumets out of goal, he shot, but it was blocked by a defender.

Then came a sustained period of Makedonia pressure. First Glenon headed just over from Fawcner's cross, then Hallam got in behind the Juve backline, only to waste his cross.

However, none of the Preston attempts at goal were as clear-cut as the one which fell to John Lucchesi at the other end.

Smith played an excellent ball in the direction of the far post, giving Lucchesi space inside the Makedonia area. However, his shot was weak, and Peter Laumets would've had more trouble with a pass-back.

However, Makedonia answered with a rush on goal. In the 67th minute, Pfisterer fluffed a clearance which let Fawcner in. In the confusion that followed, Smith kicked a cross off the line.

A good Juve move in the 75th minute ended with Laumets making a good save from John Lucchesi. Before that finish, Watkins and Smith had worked well on the right

before Smith sent over a cross with a bicycle kick. Substitute Bruno Sabidussi then fed the ball to John Lucchesi after Lucchesi had won it in the air.

John Lucchesi's best chance to score came soon after. Sabidussi did well to rob Lesbirel of the ball, and that allowed Watkins to collect and run through. It was a two against one situation, with Hooper being the only Makedonia defender in sight.

Watkins played a perfectly-timed pass to John Lucchesi who had only Laumets blocking the way to goal. However, Laumets rushed out and Lucchesi tried to dribble around him. Unfortunately for Juve, Lucchesi was forced wide and this allowed Makedonia to hurriedly re-organise and clear the danger.

Then came Makedonia's killer goal. Walker and Pfisterer got themselves into a muddle with McMillan on their hammer. Pfisterer went to clear the ball but only succeeded in cannoning the ball against the on-rushing McMillan.

The Juve players watched in shock as the ball travelled over the stunned Terzini and into the net. McMillan, to his credit, had pressured the Juve defence, but even Makedonia supporters would have to admit a lot of luck was involved. — KYLE PATTERSON.

Baker marshalls Hakoah victory

FRANKSTON CITY 0 HAKOAH ST. KILDA 3 (Clarey, Gibson, French).

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Gillespie, Irvine, Williamson (Fox), Taylor, Parrot, G. Bannon, Tulloch, MacGregor, Eadie (Webster).

HAKOAH: Whiteside, Owens, Baker, Dosen, Valli, Gibson, Gadsby, Blair, Clarey, French, Nagy.

Hakoah has finally been given the seal of approval from hard-to-please coach Frank Micic.

The former Footscray JUST veteran ran into trouble with the Hakoah committee for his public criticisms of his team but has changed his tune over the past weeks, praising his players.

However, Hakoah is being frustrated despite the team's excellent displays. The Jewish-backed club has won five games in succession, yet is not certain of holding its place in the top four.

George Cross (23 points) could displace either Hakoah or Slavia (both 24 points).

What can you say about Frankston? The Baysiders promised so much this season but have produced so little. Without a doubt, Frankston is the flop of 1978.

Hakoah had many good players against Frankston but the team's success owes a lot to skipper David Baker. The evergreen centre back marshalled the side very well, and kept Hakoah on the right track.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Frankston pumped high balls forward but didn't support front runner Gordon MacGregor, who, to his credit, tried hard for 90 minutes.

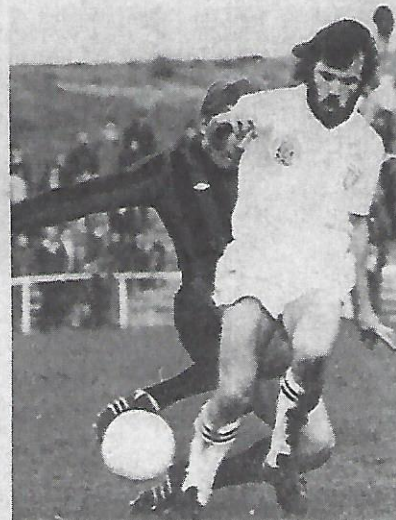
Hakoah contained Frankston, waiting for its turn to use the wind.

In the second half, Hakoah was all over Frankston. The midfield trio of Ian Gibson, Steve Gadsby and Stuart Blair controlled the game.

Hakoah kept the ball on the ground and built up moves, not falling into the trap of playing long balls with the wind advantage.

France draws

PARIS — France and Sweden drew 2-2 in a European Championship Group Five match here (halftime 0-0).
Scorers: France — Bardoli, Six. Sweden — Nordgren, Larsson.



Ian Gibson — played well in Hakoah's midfield.

State League team of week

DIXEY (Suns)	BAKER (Hak)	PATTEN (Gully)	BEECH (Mak)
SHORT (Slavia)	DAVIDSON (Aitona)	GIBSON (Hak)	
CULLEN (Geo)	MACGREGOR (Franks)	FAWKNER (Mak)	

Player of the week

DAVID BAKER of Hakoah is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at the superb Nickleby's of Carlton.

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RINGWOOD CITY v CROATIA

3 Banovic (Cro)
2 Cumming (Cro)
1 O'Callaghan (Ring)

SLAVIA v ALBION

3 Short (Slavia)
2 Green (Alb)
1 Davidson (Alb)

FRANKSTON CITY v HAKOAH

3 Baker (Hak)
2 Gibson (Hak)
1 MacGregor (Frank)

GREEN GULLY v GEORGE CROSS

3 Cullen (Geo)
2 Patten (Gully)
1 Mirak (Geo)

JUVENTUS v MAKEDONIA

3 Beech (Mak)
2 Fawkes (Mak)
1 Smith (Juv)

SUNSHINE CITY v ALTONA CITY

3 Davidson (Alb)
2 Pocock (Sun)
1 Dixey (Sun)

Progressive voting —

21 Yzendorrn (Slavia), Cumming (Cro)
20 Short (Slavia)
17 McClymont (Mak)

15 Whiteside (Hak)
14 Cain (Gully), Gardiner (Cro)
13 Bernard (Mak), Carnaby (Ring)
12 Coulson (Ring), Kerr (Cro)
11 van der Poel (Alt), McCarthy (Gully), Cullen (Geo)
10 Irvine (Frank), Holson (Juv)
9 Kokoska (Cro), Blair (Loy), Banovic (Cro)
8 Williams (Slavia), Brown (Alt), Krncvic (Cro), Paparas (Geo)
7 Mitten (Alb), Davidson (Alt), Patten (Gully)
6 Denys (Ajax), Sabidussi (Juv), Walker (Juv), Lesbirel (Mak), Train (Slavia), Lowe (Suns), Banagan (Suns), Paton (Slavia), Clarey (Hak), MacGregor (Frank)
5 Taylor (Alt), Murphy (Cro), Peterson (Frank), Ellis (Suns), Adams (Frank), Milard (Geo), Fawkes (Mak), Pocock (Suns), Wilding (Ring), D Nelson (Suns), Waters (Alt), R. Nelson (Suns), Watkins (Juv), Adams (Ring), Little (Alt)
4 Petrovski (Mak), L. Thompson (Gully), Lewis (Alt), C. Lucchesi (Juv), Carr (Gully), Mussel (Suns), Clarke (Slavia)
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Leading scorers:

16 Paton (Slavia)
14 Clarey (Hak)
11 Cumming (Cro), McMillan (Mak)
9 Reed (Geo)
8 D. Nelson (Suns), Krncvic (Cro)
7 Segi (Gully), Mitten (Alt), Cullen (Geo)
6 Vitek (Cro), MacGregor (Frank), C. Lucchesi (Juv), Tribuzio (Gully), McCormack (Alb), Luyten (Ring), Paparas (Geo), Pocock (Sun)
5 Glennon (Mak), Eadie (Frank), Bernard (Mak), Brown (Alt), Murphy (Cro), Carr (Gully), McIntyre (Alb), Kerr (Cro)
4 Craig (Hak), Taylor (Alt), Webster (Frank), Glider (Cro), Thom (Ring), Little (Alt), Gibson (Mak), French (Hak)

George Cross brushes aside meek Greens

GREEN GULLY 0 — GEORGE CROSS 3 (Cullen 11th, 50th, Reed 19th)

GREEN GULLY: Denys (Magro 46th), Donaldson, Patten, Cain, Klain, McCarthy, Daniels (Tribuzio 52nd), L. Thompson, Segi, Smith (injured 88th), Carr. GEORGE CROSS: Mattson, Cutajar, Barron, Webb, MITLAND, Wilkinson, Cullen, Castello, Reed, Mirak, Paparas.

Referee — Joe Slaats.

George Cross emerged clear cut winners in front of a good crowd at Green Gully Reserve and now look a dangerous outfit with a good possibility of making the top four competition.

Against Green Gully on Sunday, they were the more direct side and the win never looked in danger after they opened the score in the 11th minute, through a defensive mix-up.

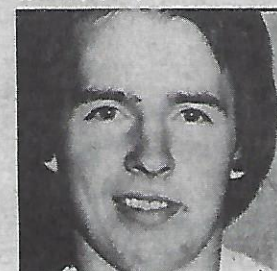
Lou Denys fell to the ground as he cut out a cross, Stan Klain stroked the loose ball back, but with Denys groping, Robert Cullen was in like a bullet to intercept and blast the ball into the net from all of two feet off the line.

Robert Mirak, who seems to play his best matches against Green Gully, gave Ajax little time to recover when seven minutes later he dashed down the right wing, winning a duel with a defender through sheer persistence, before crossing from the line to the centre of the area where Ken Reed, totally unmarked, headed past Denys.

Denys got a knock on the knee in making a save in the 24th minute. He writhed in pain as he received treatment, but played on with a pronounced limp for 20 minutes before failing to emerge for the second half.

His replacement was Victor Magro who, until recently, had been the understudy to former cross, keeper Lou Kastner.

Before halftime, Mirak twice provided excellent scoring chances for his forwards. The first, a cross from the right wing was finger-tipped away by Denys.



Robert Cullen

The second, a corner kick, was headed down by Reed, but with Jim Paparas caught wrong-footed, the danger was cleared.

Within five minutes of the change of ends, George Cross added their third goal. Magro called for the ball from a corner kick without catching it, and Cullen, lying at the far post headed unimpeded into the net.

A few minutes later John Patten kicked off the line from Paparas' shot, and Magro saved Billy Wilkinson's direct free kick.

Gully threatened when hardworking Steve Carr led Andy Segi and the latter let go a fierce shot from the right which Steve Mattson did well to save.

Back at the other end, Tony Castello was sandwiched between two players and fell to the floor as he was tackled, but despite the Cross supporters' claim for a penalty, referee Joe Slaats only awarded a corner kick, from which Cullen headed wide.

With 13 minutes to go, John Cain ran onto Segi's pass in the penalty area but Norm Matland materialised from nowhere to deflect the bearded utility's shot.

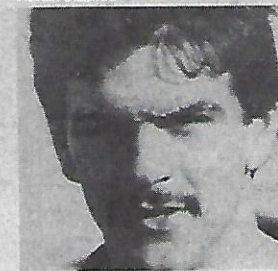
Cross came within a hair's breadth of increasing the score when Reed headed against the post in the 79th minute. Cullen latched on to the rebound, but Magro saved his shot.

Before the end of the game, Laurie Smith was carried off on a stretcher with a deep gash from an opposing player's stud which cut through his boot and socks before embedding his right heel.

He was later taken to hospital for a routine check.

In the dressing rooms after the match Duncan McKay, frustrated at watching from the sidelines the side's third consecutive defeat, said his team gave away possession too easily.

"We had possession of the ball as much as George Cross, but we were giving simple 20 yard passes straight to an opponent. And that is after giving them a two goal start" — PETER DESIRA.



John Patten



Alan Davidson

Altona City and Ringwood in do-or-die clash

SUNSHINE CITY 1 (R. Nelson) ALTONA CITY 1 (Little).

SUNSHINE: Scholten, Dixey, Lowe, Ellis, Howe, Banagan, R. Nelson, Nierobisz (Esposito), McRobert, Pocock, D. Nelson. ALTONA: van der Poel, Lewis, Gramsbergen, Murray, Plessa (Ackers), Davidson, Kelly, Waters, Taylor, Little, Gambin (Wilson).

Ringwood City and Altona City are preparing for their most crucial game of the season. It's highly probable that the loser of the 'battle in the basement' will be relegated from the State League.

Altona, on 11 points, can rise from bottom spot with a victory over 11th-placed Ringwood. With only two rounds remaining, it's do or die for both clubs.

Altona kept the club's chances of getting off the bottom alive by taking a point from Sunshine. The 'Shiners' were also desperate for maximum points in an effort to regain the club's place in the top four.

After Altona had rushed Sunshine in the opening 20 minutes, the home team came into the game before half time.

However, Nat Little put Altona into the lead when he got on the end of a through ball and shipped a shot under John Scholten in the Sunshine goal.

Sunshine hit back when Ray Pocock, who was switched to the midfield, gathered a ball and fed it to

David Nelson.

Hans van der Poel rushed out from goal, but was stranded in no-man's land as Rob Nelson chipped the ball in from the wing to equalise.

With the scores deadlocked, the game faded and both sides had to be satisfied with a point.

Altona was delighted by the return to form of youngster Alan Davidson. After many weeks in the forward line, Davidson came back into midfield and gave an excellent display.

Sunshine was without Wilf Leing, Frank Mussel and Nick Cook (all injured) and brought in 16-year-old Andrew Esposito for his first run in the senior team.

Altona coach Joe Wilson was happy with a draw, but questioned the system of refereeing appointments used by the V.F.F.

"I don't know what goes on with referees' appointments," he said, "but Altona always seems to get a raw deal. Against Sunshine, we had a ref officiating in his first State League game. I think Altona is discriminated against."

"They must take the attitude, it's only Altona, so we don't have to worry about any crowd trouble" and send us the leftovers."

Wilson added that he was very confident of victory this week, but may be without Peter Lewis and Richard Plessa who have collected three bookings each and face suspension.

Five games in 14 days

RINGWOOD CITY 0 — ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Karr, Krncvic).

RINGWOOD: Wilding, Pasman, Carnaby, Garthwaite, Verniers, O'Callaghan, Barber, Coulson (Van Leuwerden), Adams, Luyten, Thom.

CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Murphy, Andrews, Lesan, Kerr, Cumming (Vojtek), Krncvic, Davidson (Culina).

Essendon Croatia is about to begin a hectic fortnight which will have a big say in how many honors the State League champion ends up with.

During the two week period, Croatia will play five games if all goes according to plan.

The Essendon club's schedule is — Sunday September 10 v Frankston (State League championship), Wednesday (night) September 13 v Frankston (Dockerty Cup quarterfinal), Sunday September 17 v Green Gully (State League championship).

If Croatia wins its Dockerty Cup quarter final, it will play a semi final on Wednesday (night) September 20, and its Phillips Cup quarter final on Sunday September 24, against Adelaide City.

But if Croatia loses to Frankston in the Dockerty Cup, the semi finals of the competition will be played on Saturday September 23.

The Victorian Soccer Federation has made the date for the Dockerty Cup semi finals flexible to prevent Croatia from having to play two games in two days should the club win against Frankston.

All the games listed will be played at Olympic Park. Against Ringwood, Croatia rested Ante Blavter (toe injury) and included Eddie Krncvic, who recently returned from a tour of America with the Australian Schoolboys team.

After an even first half, Croatia scored two goals in ten minutes in the second half to sew up the two points.

However, goalkeeper Yacka Banovic was called on to make several saves as Ringwood pressed forward.

John O'Callaghan was good for Ringwood, while John Gardiner, Tommy Cumming, Ken Murphy, playing at left back, and Banovic were Croatia's best.

It's interesting to note that Ringwood City's line up was identical to the one former coach Freddy Bunce used before being sacked. Nothing strange you think, but Bunce was sacked because of his team selections!

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Rothmans goalie of the week

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Noel Mitten

This week's games

Albion Leyland v George Cross (Selwyn Park, Sunshine).
Slavia v Sunshine City (Showgrounds, Ascot Vale).
Altona City v Ringwood City (Millers Road, Altona).
Croatia v Frankston City (Olympic Park, Richmond).
Hakoah v Juventus (Middle Park, South Melbourne).
Preston Makedonia v Green Gully (B.T. Connor Res. Preston).

Albion players seek transfers

SLAVIA 1 (Short), ALBION LEYLAND 1 (Mitten).

SLAVIA: Neri, Train, Yzendorrn, Tuft, Thompson, Short, Pye, Whiteside, Aldridge, Paton, Williams. ALBION: Oliver, Campbell (Daperis), McCluskey, Blair, Nisbet, Davidson, McCormack, Quinn (D'Sylva), Mitten, McIntyre, Greenchan.

Ten Albion Leyland players will go before the Victorian Soccer Federation I and D committee tonight (Wednesday) to sort out grievances arising from their contracts with the club.

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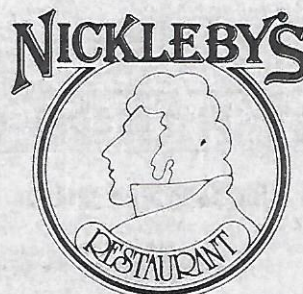
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Victorian junior standings on August 27

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UNDER 9 A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorefoot	12	0	4	2	2	7
Doncaster	12	2	1	4	6	2
Knox City	11	0	4	3	1	22
Ring City	8	2	5	1	14	18
Croydon	6	1	8	1	23	13
Ring Utd	4	0	8	1	23	12
Nuna City	4	0	1	1	20	10
Waverley	1	2	1	3	5	7
F. T. Gully	0	2	1	2	6	4

UNDER 9 B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorefoot	12	2	1	4	6	2
Doncaster	10	4	2	3	7	22
Modbury	9	3	3	0	6	21
Nuna City	5	6	4	1	12	16
Knox City	5	6	4	1	12	11
Croydon	4	3	9	1	23	11
Heathville	1	1	1	2	1	52
Box Hill	1	1	1	3	4	6

UNDER 10 A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	13	1	3	1	4	28
Waverley	11	5	1	3	4	6
Moorefoot	10	1	2	3	1	27
Croydon	7	3	7	2	1	27
Box Hill	6	5	5	1	1	17
Moorefoot	5	7	2	1	2	25
Knox City	4	5	9	1	2	13
Croydon	4	5	9	1	2	13
Ring Utd	3	2	1	1	2	8
Ring City	0	1	5	3	5	2

UNDER 10 B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster	13	2	5	4	9	28
Boroana	13	1	3	4	1	28
F. T. Gully	11	3	5	1	2	25
Waverley	11	1	5	1	2	25
Nuna City	9	5	3	4	1	28
Modbury	8	5	4	1	2	13
Moorefoot	8	5	4	1	2	13
Knox City	5	1	1	0	2	11
Croydon	3	1	1	0	2	11
Upper Yarra	0	1	7	4	8	0

UNDER 11 A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandy City	14	2	1	6	4	26
Box Hill	12	2	5	6	9	2
Ogleby	12	1	4	1	5	25
Lyndale	9	3	5	2	1	25
Karling	10	1	6	2	7	21
Hampton Pk	5	3	9	1	0	11
Nuna City	4	2	1	1	3	9
Donc	2	4	1	1	6	4
Ring City	1	5	1	1	3	7

UNDER 11 B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	15	2	1	5	1	32
Doncaster	14	3	1	7	1	31
Waverley	11	2	4	3	1	29
Ring Utd	6	7	5	2	2	19
Nuna City	7	5	2	1	2	19
Boroana	6	5	2	1	2	19
Clayton	4	2	1	2	7	3
Moorefoot	3	4	1	0	3	10
Ring City	3	4	1	0	3	10
Springvale	1	2	1	5	6	4

UNDER 12 A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clayton	15	0	1	5	1	30
Box Hill	10	2	3	5	6	21
Hosanna	10	1	4	3	5	21
Melbourne	7	5	3	1	6	19
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Nth Dandy	5	3	7	2	1	23
Greensboro	3	2	1	0	2	9
E. Beetham	2	2	1	1	3	6
Eltham	0	2	1	5	6	2

UNDER 12 B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bundoora	12	0	1	7	3	24
Sanbury	12	0	1	6	4	24
Watsonia	8	1	5	1	7	17
Meadow Pk	5	4	1	0	2	14
Keller	4	2	1	5	3	11
Diamond Ck	4	2	1	5	3	11
Albion	1	2	1	1	3	4
Rosanna	1	0	2	1	5	4

UNDER 13 A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Peninsula	17	0	0	8	6	34
Broadmeadows	15	0	2	7	1	29
Essendon	11	2	4	5	2	24
Holman	7	5	2	0	2	18
Bundoora	7	3	2	2	2	18
Coll. City	7	1	2	5	4	18
Watsonia	7	1	2	5	4	18
Junettes	7	2	6	2	2	16
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JUNIOR STANDINGS

UNDER 12 A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Devon	14	1	5	4	20	25
Hampton	12	2	4	3	16	26
Peninsula	10	3	3	18	23	20
Caullfield	8	4	4	4	23	20
Brighton	8	2	6	3	21	18
Seaford	5	2	9	3	21	12
Mornington	3	2	11	2	5	6
F. Pines	1	1	14	1	4	6
Karling	0	2	14	6	6	2

UNDER 12 B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beaumaris	11	1	0	5	4	23
Baxter	8	2	3	7	12	19
Crabbourne	5	2	2	6	15	20
Dandy City	5	3	4	4	15	13
Berwick	3	2	7	1	6	35
Roshead	3	1	8	2	3	28
Hastings	0	0	12	4	9	6

UNDER 12 C	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clarinda	15	0	1	5	8	20
Box Hill	12	3	1	6	11	27
Nth Dandy	12	1	3	6	11	25
Clayton	8	2	6	3	9	41
Croydon	6	2	8	2	3	14
Waverley	4	2	7	2	1	25
Upper Yarra	2	3	1	1	2	5
Moorefoot	2	3	1	1	2	5

UNDER 13 A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Devon	11	2	3	7	10	25
F. Pines	11	2	3	6	11	24
Springvale	11	2	3	6	11	24
Karling	11	0	5	4	3	22
Baxter	9	1	8	3	24	19
Caullfield	4	2	10	2	9	47
Seaford	5	0	11	2	9	46
Brighton	4	0	11	2	9	46
Nth Dandy	0	1	6	4	13	0

UNDER 13 B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Devon	11	2	3	7	10	25
F. Pines	11	2	3	6	11	24
Springvale	11	2	3	6	11	24
Karling	11	0	5	4	3	22
Baxter	9	1	8	3	24	19
Caullfield	4	2	10	2	9	47
Seaford	5	0	11	2	9	46
Brighton	4	0	11	2	9	46
Nth Dandy	0	1	6	4	13	0

UNDER 13 C	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lyndale	16	1	1	6	4	33
Clarinda	14	3	1	6	16	31
Nuna City	13	3	2	5	26	29
Clayton	10	6	0	6	38	22
Donc	5	3	1	0	33	46
Melgrave	5	2	1	1	35	42
Waverley	4	4	9	2	46	12
Springvale	2	2	14	2	5	82

UNDER 12 A						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Devon	14	1	5	4	20	25
Hampton	12	2	4	3	16	26
Peninsula	10	3	3	18	23	20
Caullfield	8	4	4	4	23	20
Brighton	8	2	6	3	21	18
Seaford	5	2	9	3	21	12
Mornington	3	2	11	2	5	6
F. Pines	1	1	14	1	4	6
Karling	0	2	14	6	6	2
UNDER 12 B						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beaumaris	11	1	0	5	4	23
Baxter	8	2	3	7	12	19
Crabbourne	5	2	2	6	15	20
Dandy City	5	3	4	4	15	13
Berwick	3	2	7	1	6	35
Roshead	3	1	8	2	3	28
Hastings	0	0	12	4	9	6
UNDER 13 A						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clarinda	15	0	1	5	8	20
Box Hill	12	3	1	6	11	27
Nth Dandy	12	1	3	6	11	25
Clayton	8	2	6	3	9	41
Croydon	6	2	8	2	3	14
Waverley	4	2	7	2	1	25
Upper Yarra	2	3	1	1	2	5
Moorefoot	2	3	1	1	2	5
UNDER 13 B						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crabbourne	18	0	8	6	14	24
Dandy City	15	1	2	8	9	12
Beaumaris	12	0	6	5	29	19
Berwick	11	0	7	4	29	19
Mordialloc	9	1	8	3	30	30
Hampton Pk	5	5	8	3	35	59
Morn ton	5	5	10	3	34	45
Roshead	5	2	10	2	28	53
Clayton	3	2	13	2	6	60
Cheside	0	18	10	10	10	10
Yarra						
UNDER 9 A						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clayton	15	0	1	5	13	10
Box Hill A	12	1	2	3	38	58
Nth Dandy A	10	1	4	3	35	16
Melbourne	7	5	3	3	31	31
Melgrave	7	1	7	1	19	25
Nth Dandy	5	3	7	2	49	29
Greenborough	3	2	10	9	27	17
E. Bentleigh	2	2	11	1	1	34
Eltham	0	2	13	1	58	2
UNDER 9 B						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bundoora	12	0	1	7	7	3
Sunbury	12	0	1	6	0	4
Watsonia	8	1	5	17	17	31
Meadow Pk	5	1	6	4	10	22
Kallor	4	8	5	13	30	30
Diamond Ck	4	2	7	15	35	36
Albion 'B'	1	2	11	4	30	1
Rosanna 'B'	1	0	12	5	48	1
UNDER 10 A						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essendon A	14	0	1	8	8	5
Melbourne	8	2	5	20	27	5
Coll. City A	8	6	3	35	22	1
Watsonia	7	3	5	17	21	1
Juneeus	7	2	6	23	28	1
Meadow Pk	5	6	5	28	25	1
Franken 'B'	3	3	6	26	28	1
Rosanna	0	8	11	15	5	64
UNDER 10 B						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland	17	0	0	5	8	3
Breamedaves	15	0	2	7	19	12
Exendons 'B'	11	2	4	5	20	20
Hampton	10	1	3	12	22	12
Bundoora	7	3	7	22	25	1
Coll. City 'B'	7	1	8	25	46	1
Diamond Ck	6	2	9	33	32	1
Eltham	3	3	11	34	50	1
Franken 'B'	1	3	13	51	5	1
G'oro 'B'	1	1	15	5	64	1
UNDER 11						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shr Melb	13	3	0	7	2	11
Franken A	12	2	1	7	0	7
Meadow Pk	12	1	6	35	16	1
Thomastown	6	3	7	26	18	1

Vicenza holds Rossi for \$2.5m.

Italian superstar Paolo Rossi has stayed with Lanerossi Vicenza after all, despite a strong bid by Juventus.

Rossi started his career with Juventus, which retained 50 per cent ownership in him even after he joined Vicenza, with whom he was the league's top scorer with 24 goals last season, and the top scorer in Serie B the previous year.

Once Rossi had proved his value, Juventus tried to get him back but Vicenza rejected every bid.

Vicenza eventually outbid Juventus. It will keep Rossi by purchasing Juventus' share in the star forward for a staggering \$2.5 million.

Zagalo now at Botafogo

Mario Zagalo, who was coach of Kuwait which played against Australia in the World Cup eliminations last year, is now boss of Botafogo of Rio de Janeiro.

Botafogo went 52 games without defeat before losing recently to Gremio (Forte Alegre) 0-3.



Josef Venglos



Helmut Senekowitsch

Senekowitsch, Baroti out

Yugoslavia and Holland heads the list of countries that have appointed new national coaches.

Branko Lustica, former player of Hajduk Split and former coach of Olimpija Ljubljana, has replaced Marko Valok, the ex-Partizan Belgrade inside forward, as boss of Yugoslavia.

Jan Zwartkruis, caretaker coach before Ernst Happeel took over for the World Cup, is Holland's new manager for the next four years.

In Austria, World Cup coach Helmut Senekowitsch has stepped down, to be replaced by Karl Stotz, 51, who was stand-off of FK Austria in the 50s and 60s and played for his country 42 times.

Josef Venglos, who served briefly as Australian national

coach in the early sixties, has succeeded Vaclav Jizek as Czechoslovakia's national coach. Venglos, who was a wing half with Slovan Bratislava, was Jizek's assistant for about five years.

In Hungary, Lajos Baroti has been forced out, to be replaced by Ferenc Kovacs, 44, who played for MTK and managed Videoton and Vasas.

The job of national coach of Luxembourg has gone to former Standard Liege winger Louis Pilot, and the new supreme of Portugal is Mario Wilson, former manager of Benfica and father of the present Benfica player of the same name.

Morena gets 7

FERNANDO MORENA, Uruguay's best paid player, scored all seven goals in Penarol's 7-0 victory over Huracan Buceo to beat a 31-year-old Uruguayan scoring record set by Nicolas Falero, also for Penarol, who scored six goals in a first division game. Morena also tops the scorers table with 33 goals — one off his own record of 34 goals in a season as Penarol retained their two point lead at the top of the Uruguayan First Division with two matches to go.

Soldiers boxers, flowers and Blokhin

I arrived in Moscow at lunch time Friday, after leaving Khabarovsk in Siberia early the previous Saturday morning (six and a quarter days in the train and every minute wonderful).

When I settled in my hotel, I spoke to Intourist who took after tourists of all nationalities, and then started the long haul for a ticket for the Soviet Cup final.

We tried for over an hour and finished up with the promise that if I rang after 9.30 am Saturday and if there were any 'knock-backs' I would get first refusal.

Saturday morning was worse. A different lady was on, who wanted to speak only French, German or Russian. Anyway, after a long struggle, they said yes and I had to pick up my ticket at 1500 hours.

I went by taxi to the stadium and from that moment, for the rest of the day, I did not hear a single word of English.

I won't go into the fun and games before I got the ticket around 1615 and finally found my seat.

The preliminaries were spectacular, but went on and on. Parade of motorcycles all carrying red banners, every kind of sporting group imaginable from tiny tots to full grown football teams, gymnasts, boxers, wrestlers, karate and so on. A parade of cars from old to new — some of which looked almost like Cadillac. There were also new lorries and other vehicles.

As the teams came out, fireworks were let off.

In between, there was some magnificently controlled drilling by Army, Air Force and Navy, with plenty of stirring music throughout.

From GEORGE YELLAND who took in the Soviet Cup final between Dynamo Kiev and Donetsk as part of his world tour.

Players exchanged bunches of flowers and even the referee got one.

The match started three minutes late with TV cameras all over the place, photographers everywhere and quite a portion of the 40,000 crowd in some uniform or another. All were seated but there was no cover.

Incidentally, they have a magnificent battery of light on high pylons — 70 angled and reflected globes on each.

The game was under the control of a FIFA referee who spoke sharply, wagged his finger a lot and warned the No 5 of Kiev SEVEN TIMES without producing a yellow card until extra time. He also showed the card to Kiev's No 13 for encroaching at a free kick.

At the kick-off, the inside forward stood in his opponents' half by at least a yard. I saw blatant obstructions and some terrible throws-in go unpolished.

When Donetsk was down 1-2 in the second half of extra time, the No 9, Starokhin, who was brilliant with his slightly bald head, was blatantly pushed onto his face from behind. The referee waved play on.

I saw a player, who had gone off injured next to the opposing goal, called back on while play was in progress and he trotted on from where he had left the field.

There were two things I thought good: When the referee called on a trainer, he came on at the nearest point to the injury. The other: When a disappointed Donetsk team was wearily trailing off at the end, the referee blasted on

his whistle and ordered them back for the presentation (no medals for either team). After all, he is still in command until he leaves the ground. They responded without any argument.

The game started at a great pace and it was evident that it would be a physical encounter. Kiev looked young, big and strong in all white. Donetsk did not look so menacing in black and orange stripes (vertically), black shorts and socks.

Kiev menaced early but Donetsk's No. 10 who, like Starokhin, looked tall and strong, but something of a veteran, showed amazing speed and footwork when he broke away on the right and crossed accurately for Starokhin to flash home a perfect header.

This upset Kiev who lost some of their early dash and indulged in some questionable tactics.

The referee whistled a lot and wagged his finger but, in fairness, maintained control (perhaps that's why he had a FIFA badge).

When Kiev did get back into it, they used No. 8 and Oleg Blokhin (No. 11) in attack.

Blokhin was fast and dangerous. Masterly in finding space to move, he went very close many times. Only superb goalkeeping by the Donetsk custodian kept him out.

A bad error on the right defensive flank let Kiev's No. 8 away and he crossed perfectly for Blokhin to judge a header perfectly over the

keeper, just under the bar into the far corner of the net, after 55 minutes.

From then on it was cut and thrust until 90 minutes, with No. 8 of Donetsk getting the ball, 10 yards out with Kiev's defence in a tangle, and missing a golden opportunity to give his side victory.

Two minutes after the start of extra time (under lights), Blokhin hit a 25-yard drive into the roof of the net like a bullet.

The surprise stop gave the keeper no chance. By the way, the teams went off for 15 minutes before extra time.

Donetsk struggled now.

Both sides made two substitutions but the leg-weary Donetsk looked less and less like saving the match. In the end, Kiev probably deserved the Cup but I felt sorry for the losers.

The Cup is cut glass on a silver base, with a silver ball. Throughout the match, ball boys at either end kept a spare ball on a tripod behind each goal and kept the game moving.

Champs v champs?

Cumberland v West Adelaide Helix — that could be a possibility since both clubs have won the SA Rothmans League and Phillips League respectively.

It would be a great public relations exercise if the match could be staged after both clubs finish their commitments.

I understand Cumberland is interested in staging the match although West Adelaide may not be sold on the idea.

Their players have had a long, tough season. Some have played with injuries for several weeks because of the club's title hopes.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS

Rivelino, Zico and sacking talk 'rubbish'

Brazil's coach Claudio Coutinho has made nonsense of two so-called 'sensations' of the World Cup.

The first concerned his apparent boycotting of star players Rivelino and Zico and the second was his reported 'sacking' by the Brazilian Federation during the Cup finals themselves.

Coutinho says, reports about the incidents were entirely incorrect.

First, he had no argument with either Rivelino or Zico. They missed games only because they were injured.

In an interview with Keir Radnegde of the English magazine 'World Soccer', Coutinho said:

'There were no arguments, no disagreements. That's nonsense, all nonsense. Rivelino is a good friend.'

'If I could I would have picked him for every game. I wanted to win. I am not stupid. People should not insult my intelligence. Rivelino was vital — how could I think of leaving out my best player? This was the biggest job in my life. I wanted to win!'

We lost him in the first game, and the truth is that after that, he wasn't fit. Even though he has just been transferred to the Arabs, he still hasn't played a full game since the World Cup. Surely, that proves the point? You can still see that his right ankle is swollen.

'All those stories were started by the Argentine Press. I denied them. Rivelino denied them, but I made no difference. I suppose it was too good a story. The worst time was when they published a picture in which Rivelino was apparently turning his back on me. But it wasn't the way it appeared.'

'Rivelino was upset, yes — but not with me, with his injury. He was angry, upset and was cursing at his ankle. But I suppose from a distance, someone watching, would see Rivelino waving his arms about at me, shaking his fists, turning away from me. And they, no doubt, said: 'There's Coutinho and Rivelino arguing again'. But it wasn't true.

'Zico had a lot of problems. You see, he is a player who depends entirely on balance. And on a pitch like the one at Mar del Plata he couldn't keep his own balance, let alone upset anyone else's.'

'After two matches, I realised that Zico and Reinaldo, my two best goal scorers, couldn't function on that pitch, so I would need a different type of player. Later, I brought Zico back ... and then, he was injured against Poland. It was a strange injury.'

'Because we had Dirceu back in midfield, we had no-one out on the left wing. So in team talks I told Zico I wanted him to use that space. In fact, I remember the last thing I said to him as we walked out, was: 'Remember, the left wing!'

'And that's what he was trying to carry out after only about eight minutes. He went in on the left and was blocked, I think by Kasperczak. He twisted his ankle badly as he went down and the strain on his leg ruptured the muscle in his groin. He hasn't played since.'

'The rest of the team were shocked. They took Zico into the dressing room and he was in so much pain he was screaming for the doctor. The Pole, I believe, could have killed us then.'

'And they equalised just on half-time. But I managed to raise the boys' spirits at half-time, we scored twice more.'

About the reports that he was sacked midway through the first round, Coutinho said: 'That was ridiculous. I'll tell you what really happened. After the game against Spain, the president of the CBD, Heleno Nunes, who has always been a good friend, came to say to me: 'Don't worry, we'll qualify, just keep cool.' I told him I wanted to leave out Zico and Reinaldo for the next match but that I wanted to tell the players tomorrow and then the Press.'

'But a friend of Nunes, whom I also knew, had come with him and after leaving the camp, he told journalists. Just that Nunes had been to see me, and that Zico and Reinaldo would be left out.'

'So the papers put two and two together ... and worked out that if the president had

been to see me, it must have been to order the changes and that I was no longer responsible.'

Referring to Argentina's qualification for the final ahead of Brazil, which had not lost a single game, Coutinho said he favored a return to the old knock-out system for quarter and semi-finals.

'Then both teams would go into the game knowing they had to produce a result. We would not have all those draws. Remember West Germany against Italy in 1970, or

West Germany against England? That is the drama and excitement the World Cup needs.'

Coutinho also said that it was about time Brazil had a permanent, full-time national manager.

'We should not have to put a team together in a hurry just before the World Cup. We should have young teams, maybe an under-23 side. We have the under-20s, but that is too young. And so, we are not making progress fast enough.'

Krankl, Tarantini for \$1.3 million

Spanish club Barcelona has paid about \$1.3 million for Austrian striker Hans Krankl and Argentinian left back Alberto Tarantini.

Susic to Croatia



This is Susic, the former Red Star Belgrade forward now playing with Metros Croatia in the North American Soccer League.

Susic was in the Red Star team that played against Celtic, Arsenal and Australia in the international tournament last year.

Krankl switched from Rapid Vienna for \$900,000 and Tarantini came from Argentina for \$400,000.

Meanwhile, Valencia — the club of the great Mario Kempes — has spent \$800,000 for midfielder Rainer Bonhof of Borussia Moenchengladbach and Sevilla paid \$400,000 for Argentina's brilliant winger Daniel Bertoni of Independiente.

Another foreigner to arrive in Spain in Yugoslav forward Miodrag Kostic, who has joined Hercules of Alicante.

Elton out

Pop star and soccer club chairman Elton John plans to divorce himself from the running of his English Third Division Club, Watford.

He has told directors of Watford that it is now on a solid financial footing.

'But it's bad that shareholders turn up every year wondering whether I am going to do a bunk or not.'

'The time has come for the club to stand on its own feet.' Watford manager Graham Taylor hopes he may make a few recruitment bargains now that John has decided to take a back seat.

Taylor says that other clubs always seem to ask for a bit more when they know that Watford and Elton are involved.

Taylor has warned fans not to expect too much from the club's first season back in the Third Division.



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Pegasus clamps for 2nd time

Moreland, Doncaster up, Russia bites the dust

By RON DARLINGTON

With only one round to go in the Industrial League program, some of the championship and relegation battles have been decided.

League Champions of Division One for the second year running are Pegasus, and A.R. Split 'A'. Fibremakers United and Hedges Drafting Dynamo have won their respective divisions.

Pegasus clinched the Championship when they drew 0-0 with Colt Finalists Bowater Scott.

H.A.C.V. are still in second place but were hard pressed by bottom team Sperry Vickers who after trailing R.A.C.V. 0-2 fought back before eventually going down 3-2. Bosch Dynamo 'A' v Tarax 'A' drew 2-2 with Bosch scoring equalisers just before half time and five minutes from the end when Steve Power scored from the penalty spot.

Pyramid P.B.S. were also in a free scoring mood with Bob Blumstein scoring three of their eight goals against Ralph McKay but they will now settle for divisional runners-up.

Colyer Watson Rovers can only finish second despite beating T.A.A. 7-1. Joe Falzon collected his usual share with a hat-trick and Rovers will now have to win by three clear goals against Decraft if they are to finish runners-up.

3-2 upset in Division Two West saw L.E.T.S. dispose of A.U. Linden's championship hopes although they look assured of runners-up. A.R. Split 'A' are the Champions of this division after

beating Parry Floris 3-1. Third spot is held by K.S.O. United who put seven past Rowntree Hoadley. Alex Cables made a strong play for the runners-up position in Division Four East by beating Tarax B 2-0, and moved above them, although Tarax 'B' have a game in hand and a better goal average.

Not quite so many goals at Test-Town, where the home team led 4-0 against G. Kennon at the break. An improved display by G. Kennon after the interval restricted Testa to only one more goal. In Division Four North, A.R. Split 'B' still dogged Ashur United who beat Testa 1-0, but in Division Four South circumstances was a creditable result for Taxation. John Demello got his name on Ashur's score sheet with a hat-trick.

A.R. Split 'B' went two better than their rivals in defeating S.O.C.T. 2-0 at home to finish top require Ashur to lose next week to A.N.Z. Bank 'B' who drew this week 2-2 at De La Salle.

Championship hopes of Repco Coldridge went down again, losing their usual share with a hat-trick and Rovers will now have to win by three clear goals against Decraft if they are to finish runners-up.

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Victorian Metro and Provisional Leagues

First Division

BOX HILL 3 (Taylor pen., Berardini 2) KEILOR AUSTRIA 1.

Box Hill Morgan 7, White 6, Corke 7, Waidyk 7, Patterson 8, Horner 6 (Ramos), McLeod 7, Brown 6 (Sherman), Tuffield 7, Taylor 7, Berardini 7.

KEILOR AUSTRIA: Kasher 6, Grac 7, Santos 6, Szabo 6, Anderson 7, Murray 5 (Miklosi), Pekovic 7, A. Salvo 6, Whrshtski 5 (M. Salvo), Beller 7, Menesses 7.

Box Hill returned to the winners list after a long absence, and in doing so, sealed the fate of Keilor Austria.

Austria will now be relegated to the Second Division.

Box Hill's much-vaunted forward line hit top against Austria, and was the difference between the two teams.

Ray Taylor, Serge Berardini and Jan Tuffield combined well, and had the trio been together for the whole season instead of four games, Box Hill would've made a greater impression in the First Division.

Austria was one of the best soccer teams in the First Division, although it finished last. The side plays a skilful brand of soccer, building up moves from defence and keeping the ball on the ground.

After a scoreless first half, Box Hill went into the lead when Taylor converted a penalty.

However, Nestor Menesses equalised for Austria, and the Keilor side was threatening to run away with the game.

But Berardini turned the game with a goal from close range after a pass from Taylor. The Hillmen were in command after regaining the lead and made sure of victory when Berardini scored his second after Lou Kasher had saved his original shot.

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Moore pen., 4th mpen., Gawlik own goal) 2-2nd POLONIA MARIBYRNONG 1 (Eposolito 67th min).

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kiss, Kyripzidis, Davies, Christodoulos, Kiki, Glykalamas, Theodoridis, Moore, Stogiannou, Skorsis, Santagelo.

POLONIA MARIBYRNONG: Dziedzielski, J. Dimitriou, Menichelli, J. Peter, Gawlik, Bren (in 2nd half), Hamilton (1st half), Lakin, P. Caprin, Rachwalski, Herman, Eposolito.

Polonia kicked off with the wind but it was the home side which hit the front after only four minutes of play. Steve Moore converted a penalty after Jan Gawlik had fouled Kyripzidis.

It was the first goal covered by Maribyrnong in four games.

Maribyrnong started to pressure the Suburbs defence and should have equalised when Ralph Eposolito was on his own with the Suburbs' defence in a shambles, but he missed a sitter.

Ray Brett did not resume after half time. He had hurt a shoulder in a heavy collision with Suburbs' goalie Joe Kiss and was replaced by Fred Dimitriou.

In a goal mouth scramble, at least four Polonia players had a chance to equalise before Eposolito's final shot went over the bar.

On a break-away, Moore's shot was well saved by Dziedzielski.

Maribyrnong equalised in the 67th minute when Eposolito superbly lobbed over Kiss, but fell behind again five minutes later when Gawlik in trying to clear, conceded an own goal with Dziedzielski stranded.

Although they lost Maribyrnong retained second place on the First Division ladder, but Western Suburbs has two games in hand and could take second spot if it wins both games.

KEILOR CITY 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (Wyllie 88th min).

CROYDON: M. Edwards, J. Spink, A. Pengo, S. McCombe, T. Kelly, D. Smith, C. Murphy, J. Tront, S. Fowler (75th min), P. Lowrey, R. Hamilton, J. Wyllie.

The win gave Croydon an impressive League record of 16 wins, two draws and two losses, scoring 38 points out of a possible 44 to finish League Champions.

Unfortunately, this game was a typical end of the season clash, with nothing at stake. Croydon had already comfortably won the Championship and Keilor City was in no danger of relegation.

Add to this the poor condition of the playing surface, and the result was a low standard game that left little supporters of both teams disappointed.

The highlight of the game was the brilliance of the Croydon back four, which gave the Keilor City forwards little or no chance to attack the Croydon goals.

After a poor first half, Croydon got on top but the free scoring Croydon forwards were unusually quiet.

The game came to life five minutes from time when Steve McCombe headed down Charlie Murphy's cross from the left for Roy Hamilton. Hamilton converted the ball and blasted it past the Keilor City keeper but the goal was disallowed.

Three minutes later, Hamilton headed on a clearance from the Croydon defence for Jim Wyllie to chase. Wyllie battered the ball past goalkeeper Hamilton (1st half), Lakin, P. Caprin, Rachwalski, Herman, Eposolito.

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ΠΑΟ - ΠΑΝΑΧΑΙ-ΚΗ 2-0. Τα τέρμα τα του ΠΑΟ έπνιγχαν στο 71' ο Λιάβανός αφού δέχθηκε σέντρα από τον 'Αλβαρέθ και στο 82' ο 'Ελευθεράκης διπλασίασε το σκορ δεχθείς πάσα του Βάγκνερ. Καλύτεροι του ΠΑΟ οι Λιάβανός, 'Ελευθεράκης, Τερζανίδης και της αντίπαλου οι Δαβουρλής, Κερνίδας. Με τον ΠΑΟ αγωνίσθησαν οι Κωνσταντίνου, 'Ελευθεριάδης, Κόδης, Στεφανίδης, Λιάβανός, 'Ασλανίδης, (Καταϊάκος), Κίτσας, 'Αλβαρέθ, Βάγκνερ 'Ελευθεράκης.

ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ - ΛΑΡΙΣΑ 4-3. Με δυ σκόλια κέρδισε ο 'Ολυμπιακός την νεοφώτιστη Λάρισα. Τα γκολ έπνιγχαν στο 25' ο 'Υφαντής της Λαρίσης, στο 26' ισοφάρισε ο 'Αντωνιάδης με πέναλτι, στο 50' πάλι ο 'Αντωνιάδης (2-1) στο 65' Περόνε 3-1, στο 74' ο Κονονουλή-τος μείωσε τη διαφορά σε 3-2, σφάρισε ο Μονιαράς στο 76' και τελικό σκόρ έγραψε ο Καρβιτζής ένα λεπτό πρό της λήξεως. Με τον 'Ολυμπιακό έπαιξαν οι 'Αρβανίτης, Συνετόπουλος, Θεοδοριάδης, Κυράντας, Καλτσάς, Λεμονής, Καν

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ΑΙΓΑΛΕΩ - ΑΕΚ 0-2. Μοιράζοντας την ύπεροχη με το Αιγάλεω η ΑΕΚ τελικά νίκησε με 2-0 με γκολ που έπνιγχαν οι Μαυρός στο 48' και Μπαγιεβίτς στο 66'.

ΑΕΚ. Χρησιόδης, Μουσούρης, Ραβούσης, 'Ιντζόγλου, Νικολάου, Δομάζος, Τσάμης, Νικολόδης, Τάσος, Μπαγιεβίτς (Παπαδόπουλος), Μαυρός. Διεκρίθησαν οι Δομάζος, Νικολόδης, Χρησιόδης και από το Αιγάλεω οι 'Αναστασιάδης και Σταυρόπουλος.

ΠΑΟΚ - ΚΑΒΑΛΑ 4-1. Σκόρερς του ά- γώνος ήταν οι Κούδας στο 2', Κερμανίδης 60', 'Εσπινόζα της Καβάλας στο 67', Κερμανίδης 77' και Κωστικός στο 80'. 'Η σύνθεση του ΠΑΟΚ Φορτούλα, Γούναρης, 'Λησοτολίδης, 'Ιωσιφίδης, 'Αναστασιάδης, Κούδας, Δαμανάκης, 'Αλαβάντα, Κωστικός. Καλύτεροι τού ΠΑΟΚ οι Κούδας, Δαμανάκης, και της Καβάλα οι Χρησιόδης και Καλαϊτζίδης, δ

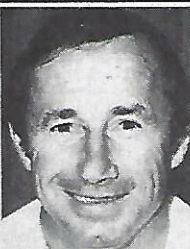
ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑ - ΕΘΝΙΚΟΣ 0-1. Το μοναδικό γκολ έπνιγχε στο 12' ο Σιώκος.

ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ - ΓΙΑΝΝΙΝΑ 1-1. Το σκόρ άνοιξαν οι ημεδαδών με τον Καρούλα στο 20' με πέναλτι και ισοφάρισε ο 'Αλεξάκης στο 70'. 'Ο ΠΑΣ έχασε την ευκαιρία να πάρη τους δύο βαθμούς όταν ο Παναγιώτου έχασε πέναλτι στο 39' που άπνικρυνε ο 'Χολκίτης.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ - ΟΦΗ 3-0. Δύο τέρματα έ- σημείωσε ο Γκέσιος και ένα ο Χατζηγελευβέρου.

ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (Κυριακή) Της αντιπροκειτού μας ΒΑΣ. ΠΗΤΑ (τηλεφωνικός): Τα αποτελέσματα του Πρωταθλήματος 'Ελλάδος έχουν ως εξής -

ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ - ΓΙΑΝΝΙΝΑ	1-1
ΑΙΓΑΛΕΩ - ΑΕΚ	0-2
ΠΑΟ - ΠΑΝΑΧΑΙ'ΚΗ	2-0
ΠΑΟΚ - ΚΑΒΑΛΑ	4-1
ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑ - ΕΘΝΙΚΟΣ	0-1
ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ - ΛΑΡΙΣΑ	4-3
ΡΟΔΟΣ - ΑΡΗΣ	1-2
ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ - ΟΦΗ	3-0
ΣΕΡΡΕΣ - ΠΑΝΙΩΝΙΟΣ	0-0



Tom Anderson

Soccer coach and columnist Tom Anderson will coach the Galahs Australian Rules team in the round-ball arts on its tour of Ireland in October.

The Galahs will play Gaelic football against Irish grand finalists Dublin and Cork.

They are managed and promoted by

HERCULES DISPLAYS MUSCLE

The under 14 boys of Collingwood City Hercules (Vic) flexed their muscles this year to become champions of their division.

John Apostolopoulos was best and fairest player and Jimmy Tsotsos, with 54 goals, was top scorer.

The team scored a total of 80 goals, with only 19 against, which was a credit to goalkeeper Steve Theodoropoulos who had an excellent season.

Coach of the team is Angelo Feretis, a member of Collingwood's senior side.

The team, pictured above, is; standing from left: Peter Apostolopoulos, (President-manager), Bill Sakelaris, Jimmy Tsotsos, John Apostolopoulos, A. Kostasgegas, Chris Kokkas, Peter Hatzikostas, Lou Gymnopoulos, Angelo Feretis (Coach). Front: Marko Guidara, K. Karliouka, Nick Englezakis, E. Karasavdis, (Nick Feretis Junior), Steve Theodoropoulos, Michael Mamasis, S. McIntosh, Atna Theodoropoulos.



Coaching schools a 'must' for PSL



Former national captain John Warren

Canberra City added a new dimension to its club activities with the successful completion of its first coaching school for ACT junior players last week.

City became the first club, to my knowledge, which has launched into the professional coaching of junior

players. As opposed to previous clinics and schools that I was involved in, I believe that City's venture has better prospects because it is sponsored by the club and not subject to high prices. City Soccerco Johnny Davies, Australian schoolboy international Danny Moulis, Victor Fernandez and I were the staff coaches.

The school was extensively covered in the local media and was well received by the young players and their parents.

The success of the school encourages me to advise other PSL clubs to start their own schools, as the benefits to the kids, their parents, the public, and the club itself are enormous.

For the club, coaching schools give local youngsters the chance to identify with their local PSL "heroes" and improve their basic technical and tactical skills. Thus a pool of future players is created.

The youngsters receive tuition in the various skills of the game at an early age and surely must be better players for it.

For the record, City's school awarded three prizes for the outstanding talents in the area. They were won by Rodney Sutcliffe, Martin McGready and George Kulcar.

The school was limited to 40-odd students so that they could receive individual attention.

Forty-seven boys were enrolled.

They were: Stephen Brennan, Stuart Burden, Frank Cachia, Vangelis Goudis, Adam Hearn, Rodney Maier, Jason Smith, John Stanley, Hans Van Der Vlist, George Kulcar, Craig Elphick, Brayden Shields, Phillip White, Timothy Davies, Gregory Heath, Andrew White, Ross Stewart, Peter Desmond, David Baskett, Peter Browne, Gardner Murray, John Groves, Stephen Morgan, Mario Magro, Graeme Davis, John Curila, Martin McGready, John Morgan, Gregory Smith, Matthew Kelly, Stephen Christie, Garry Parsons, Joe Rimmer, Paul Calder, Peter Brennan, Victor Fernandez Jr, David Hatfield, Christian Burger, Jonathan Baskett, Rodney Sutcliffe, Mark Kent, Andrew Moncur, Harry Alex, Jason Hihorst, Nicholas Moulis.

Other Canberra City schools are planned for pre-Christmas, January and March apart from the May and August school holidays.

Hat-trick heroes



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Under 16 results

Brisbane, — Results of the Australian under 16 soccer championships, round one.

Northern New South Wales 3 (G. Storey 2, N. Gudsell 1). Western Australia 2 (T. Migas 1, B. McKinlay 1). A.C.T. 0 Tasmania 0. Victoria 2 (J. Little, M. Giacomini). New South Wales 2 (P. Vale, P. Beach). Qld 2 (P. Barry, R. Swan). South Australia 0. Round Two: Vic 2 (J. Little, P. Crino), S.A. 1 (J. Kaye). Qld 1 (R. Swan), Tas 0. Nth NSW 1 (S. Hoyer, R. Giorgi). NSW 1 (P. Busch). Points: Qld 4, Nth NSW 4, VIC 3, W.A. 2, NSW 1, TAS 1, ACT 1, S.A. NIL.

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count. Coaches are asked to supply the following information: 2. His age, address and the team for which he plays. 3. The team against which he scored the goals. 4. Date of game. 5. Send the information to "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trap Heroes", published every week. This week's hat-trick heroes: Reno Lia 12 (Knox City), John McDonald 14, George Brown 12, Bobby Ross-Gilder 15, Nick Karantonis 12 (Lyndale), Ricky Farrugia 9, four goals (Moreland), Tony Tabone 14, five goals (Green Gully), Billy Mesley 10, four goals, Ken Lantouris 11 (Caulfield), John Markovic 9 (Kellor, Austr.), Dominic Nowlan 6, five goals, Nick McNamara 15, Beau Cornwell 14, four goals (Quandialla, NSW), Mark Hannam, Mark Lute, Neale Lees, four goals, Nicholas Hayes (Glen Dhu Rovers,

Tas.), Paul Cooper 9, four goals (Waverley), D. Curovic 9 (Essendon), Frankie Muscat 10 (Sunshine Heights), Matthew Homberger 11 (Doncaster), Gary Mather 10 (Box Hill), Michael 12, four goals, Gianni Ventura 12 (Springvale), David Pettigrew 10, Steve Campbell 10, four goals, Anthony Jackson 10, Douglas Hodgson 10 (Frankston Pines), Anthony Gale 9 (Melton), Marcus Thomson 10, Patrick Syme 11, four goals, Chris Sroczynski 10 (Bairnsdale), Steve Svanagovic 9, six goals (Dandenong), Jim Teatsos 13, seven goals, Peter Baumgartel 9 (Collingwood), C. Romano 15, five goals, D. Langley 15 (Sebastopol Vikings), Alan Ciangura 11, four goals (West United), Martin Vasterink 11, four goals (St.Mels, Shepparton), Steve Miller 10, four goals (Fernree Gully), Gerard Ramirez 12, Andrew Nicholls 9, four goals, Zoran Gudzkoski 13 (Caulfield), Robert Gauci 12 (Broadmeadows), Michael Wilhelm 13, Tim McKenzie 13.

(Twin City Wanderers), Joey Gauci 14, five goals, Ricky Gauci 13, six goals (Moe United), Drazen Basar 15 (Essendon CSC).

POTTER UNHAPPY

Brisbane Lions captain George Potter is looking for a transfer and is willing to move interstate.

He has failed to come to terms with Lions for next season.

Potter played as sweeper last season and has been used as a midfielder and full back this year.

He played for various English clubs including Port Vale before coming to Australia.



George Potter

former umpire Harry Beitzel.

Anderson, former coach of Sydney Olympic, APIA and Auburn, said he would turn Aussie Rules idol Alex Jesaulenko into a goalkeeper for the tour.

Jesaulenko played soccer as a boy in Canberra.

Cosmos retains NASL title

NEW YORK — The New York Cosmos won their second successive NASL championship by beating the Portland Timbers 3-1 in the super bowl finals, in front of 74,000 spectators. Steve Hunt scored two goals and Georgio Chinaglia

ALL THE SCORES, TABLES

Victoria

STATE LEAGUE: Prahran Stars v Albion United — seniors 1-1 reserves 3-2, Souths City v Albion City 1-0-0, Green Gully v George Cross 0-3-1, Juventus v Prahran 0-1-0, Frankston City v Hawks Hill 0-3-1, Ringwood City v Essendon 0-2-0.

DIVISION ONE: Arden v Collingwood City 2-2-0, Box Hill v Keller 3-1-4, Keller City v Clayton City 0-1-1, Dandenong City v Springvale City 0-2-0, Waverley City v Doveton 0-2-1-0, Western Suburbs v Maribyrnong 2-1-1.

DIVISION TWO: Fitzroy United v Knox City 1-1-3-2, Ball Park v Brighton 3-2-1-0, Eltham v Port Melbourne 1-4-1, Melbourne v Fitzroy 0-0-4-2, Ringwood v St Albans 3-0-1-0, Fernbank Gully v Maribyrnong 0-2-0-1.

DIVISION THREE: Heidelberg v Morwell Falcons 1-1-2-2, Chelsea v Mooroolbark 1-2-0-0, Broadmeadows City v Prahran City 2-2-2-2, South Melbourne v Essendon City 2-0-0-0, Mooroolbark v Dandenong Rovers 1-0-1-1, Tallanna v Coburg 3-1-5-1.

DIVISION FOUR: Monaghan v Werribee 1-4-1-5, Monash University v Caulfield City 1-3-0-1, Frankston v University of Melbourne 7-0-1-1, Park Rangers v South Yarra 9-0-3-0, Sandringham City v Clayton 1-2-0-2, Corio v Ringwood United 2-0-0-1.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE: Reservoir v Healey Rangers 1-2-3-3, Italian United v Langwarrin 4-4-0-3, Broadmeadows v Kaysborough 2-3-0-0, North Dandenong v Nunawading City 1-1-0-2, Frankston Pines v Williamstown 1-1-0-1, Geelong v Ballarat 4-0-0-0.

DIVISION TWO: Corio v East Brunswick 4-0-2-2, Central Albion v Kaysborough 3-0-3-3 (game abandoned 70 mins), Bulleen v South Dandenong 0-0-5-5, Hawthorn v Sandringham City 1-2-6-6, Sandringham v Melbourne 0-2-1-3, Thornbury v Royal Park 1-1-4-0.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE: Nunawading United v Pas-Tal Institute 1-3-0-2, Mooroolbark v Burslem 0-0-1-1, Pascoe Vale v Burslem 2-3-0-4, Hampton v Gladstone Park 2-3-1-4, Yarrville v Regent — West Melbourne v South Dandenong 0-3-1-1.

DIVISION TWO: Sandringham v North Melbourne 0-2-1-1, Willems v Hawthorn 4-2-1-4, Berwick City v Thornbury 1-2-4-0, Mooroolbark v Reservoir 3-2-1-1, Clifton Hill v Kensington United 5-0-4-0, Mooroolbark v Melbourne 2-2-0-0.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE: Beach Dyn 'A' 2 Tarax 'A', 2, Mole Holdings 5, Numan Lygods 0 (abandoned half time), Pegusa 0, Bowater South v Pub Works 'A' 0-0-0, H.D. Mills, 1, RACV 3, Sperry Vickers 2.

DIVISION TWO: A.W.D. 3, Slomans 'A', 1, BAS 3, Philip Morris 2, Colyer Watson 7 TAA 1, Mid Pak Vm 'A' 0, Diocraft 3, ANZ Bank 'A', 1-0-0.

DIVISION THREE EAST: C.B. Bank 2, Fibra Containers 3, Central Utd 1, The Age 1, Kewley Utd 3, Beach Dyn 'B', 1, Lygath 4, Travellers 0, A.C.I. Box Hill — bye.

DIVISION THREE WEST: A.H. Utd 0, Taxation 'A', 0, A.U. Haden 2, LETS 3, CIG 1, Quaker Luv 1, KSC Utd 1, Thornbury Headly 1, Parry Florists 1, A.R. Spill 'A', 3.

DIVISION FOUR EAST: ESC Tools 7, De La Salle 'B', 0, Fibremakers 2, Valenta Cableties 1, RAAF Frigattal 1, Pub Works 'B', 2, Tarax 'B', 0, Olex Cable 2, Tessa Town 5, G. Kenon 0.

DIVISION FOUR NORTH: A.R. Spill 'B', 6, Scott 0, Ashur Utd 4, Taxation 'B', 0, De La Salle 'A', 2, Hadden 'R', 4, Containers Utd 3, Repco Coldrive 1, Thomas Cook 2.

DIVISION FOUR WEST: Hedges Drafting 5, Mid Pak Vm 'B', 0, RAAF Pt Cook 0, Aquila Steel 2, Ralph McKay 0, Pyramid P.B.S. 0, Rheem 3, Basser Utd 2, Slomans: Bess 2, Golden Fleets 1, Match Result 27.8.1978: G. Kenon 7, Pub Works 'B', 0.

STATE LEAGUE

W	D	L	F	A	P
Craella	16	2	4	6	9
Makodona	11	4	5	3	18
Kahaka St Kilda	9	6	5	2	24
Swara	9	6	5	2	24
George Cross	8	6	5	2	23
Sandringham City	7	6	2	2	21
Frankston City	6	7	2	1	21
Brook Gully	6	5	3	3	17
Juventus	5	6	9	18	16
Albion Lyndale	4	5	10	26	14
Ringwood City	3	6	11	19	12
Albion City	3	5	12	25	11

RESERVES

W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	14	2	2	3	13
Craella	10	4	2	3	13
Frankston City	9	6	2	14	24
Sandringham City	8	6	2	11	22
Hawks Hill Kilda	7	5	10	32	19
Albion City	7	6	15	19	15
Green Gully	4	8	4	14	21
Juventus	4	8	18	22	14
Makodona	5	4	7	19	14
George Cross	5	2	11	19	12
Albion Lyndale	3	4	11	16	10
Ringwood City	4	2	10	13	16

DIVISION ONE

W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic City	10	2	2	16	38
Polonia	11	4	2	14	29
Box Hill	8	6	3	39	24
Western Suburbs	8	7	5	28	23
Doveton	10	3	3	34	23
Springvale City	10	2	10	28	20
Collingwood City	9	2	11	35	20
Keller City	7	5	10	27	19
Arden	7	4	11	28	17
Dandenong City	6	5	10	28	17
Waverley City	5	6	10	19	16
Keller Austria	4	12	28	14	0

RESERVES

W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale City	13	6	3	46	23
Doveton	11	5	4	32	17
Waverley City	10	6	3	27	16
Box Hill	10	6	4	42	26
Keller City	10	5	4	21	25
Western Suburbs	10	2	7	34	22
Croydon City	8	3	10	31	19
Keller Austria	6	11	26	18	0
Arden	7	12	26	14	0
Collingwood City	6	12	23	16	0
Polonia	4	13	16	11	0
Dandenong City	3	14	12	8	0

DIVISION TWO

W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	14	3	4	18	31
Morwell	12	6	4	16	30
Port Melbourne	12	5	5	33	29
Knox City	11	4	6	26	20
Footscray JUST	12	1	9	40	25
Richmond	9	6	5	40	24
Bell Park	6	5	11	43	17
St Albans	6	5	11	42	17
Fitzroy Utd	6	3	12	28	15
Fernbank Gully	6	3	10	37	15
Eltham	5	3	14	28	13
Brighton	3	3	14	29	11

RESERVES

W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton	12	5	3	52	19
St Albans	13	3	6	41	24
Knox City	12	3	7	47	27
North Melbourne	11	5	4	42	30
Melbourne	10	5	5	53	25
Morwell	6	7	7	38	19
Bell Park	7	3	9	28	14
Fitzroy Utd	7	2	9	30	16
Port Melbourne	6	4	10	32	16
Footscray	5	10	23	12	13
Fernbank Gully	1	16	15	6	4

DIVISION THREE

W	D	L	F	A	P
South Melbourne	17	2	3	43	19
Dandenong Rovers	13	3	5	37	15
Morwell Falcons	13	3	6	32	16
Prahran City	11	3	8	37	26

W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	9	4	9	25	26
Yallourn	8	5	9	26	27
Chadonia	9	3	10	41	26
Hedderberg	7	5	9	27	18
Brookdale	7	4	10	21	19
Mooroolbark	6	5	11	27	40
Essendon City	4	3	14	23	32
Moorabbin	2	2	19	32	65

RESERVES

W	D	L	F	A	P
Brookdale	17	1	2	68	24
Dandenong Rovers	13	3	4	42	29
Yallourn	12	4	5	39	20
Hedderberg	12	3	8	42	28
Prahran City	11	3	8	41	35
Chadonia	11	3	8	41	35
Morwell Falcons	5	2	9	36	48
Essendon City	6	1	11	34	55
Coburg	5	1	11	33	53
Mooroolbark	5	2	14	26	42
South Melbourne	3	6	12	35	46
Moorabbin	2	5	13	29	60

DIVISION FOUR

W	D	L	F	A	P
Fawkner	17	3	1	18	14
Park Rangers	14	7	1	15	15
Werribee	12	7	5	20	31
Corio	10	4	8	48	37
Caulfield City	8	8	6	33	48
Ringwood Utd	8	4	8	28	30
Sandringham	8	6	5	33	22
Bendigo	10	2	10	30	37
Claydon	8	6	8	41	51
Norrmington	4	0	17	23	74
South Yarra	3	1	18	15	73
Unit of Mole	2	18	15	62	6

RESERVES

W	D	L	F	A	P
Ringwood Utd	13	4	3	46	20
Park Rangers	12	5	4	33	20
Werribee	10	7	5	63	27
Claydon	12	3	5	39	27
Unit of Mole	10	4	7	41	32
Corio	9	5	8	38	36
Fawkner	9	3	6	45	31
Corio	7	5	9	34	37
South Yarra	7	12	36	53	17
Sandringham	6	4	12	40	43
Kaysborough	5	2	14	23	12
Caulfield	1	3	16	66	5

PROVISIONAL ONE

W	D	L	F	A	P
Frankston Pines	13	7	2	51	33
Kaysborough	14	5	3	17	18
Werribee	13	2	7	42	33
Hamlyn Rangers	13	2	7	37	31
Nunawading City	8	6	8	27	31
M.H. Dandenong	9	2	11	40	37
Slomans 'A'	8	4	9	37	32
Greenborough	7	5	8	31	26
Williamstown	7	10	40	43	19
Healey Utd	4	8	9	37	52
Langwarrin	5	6	11	28	16
Ballarat	2	18	19	62	6

RESERVES

W	D	L	F	A	P
Nunawading City	16	6	0	55	38
Frankston Pines	16	3	2	81	20
Geelong	14	1	7	62	25
Langwarrin	13	5	4	37	30
Kaysborough	10	5	7	47	25
M.H. Dandenong	10	9	5	40	23
Hamlyn Rangers	8	4	10	40	22
Greenborough	7	11	15	37	16
Reynolds	3	6	11	21	52
Holmesdale	4	4	12	26	67
Ballarat	1	6	13	18	52
Williamstown	2	16	19	73	7

PROVISIONAL TWO

W	D	L	F	A	P
Sandringham	15	5	1	60	16
Healey Park	13	6	5	62	21
Melton	13	6	3	61	25
Central Albion	12	6	4	50	31
Thornbury	11	7	3	46	28
Carlton	9	5	3	27	23
East Brunswick	8	11	4	42	38
Geelong	9	1	14	44	42
Bendigo City	6	4	12	40	49
Hawthorn	4	3	16	43	15
Bulleen	1	3	18	21	8
St Dandenong	1	3	16	103	5

RESERVES

W	D	L	F	A	P